

Mindi Leigh Schneider

Curriculum Vitae August 2024

Lecturer

Institute at Brown for Environment and Society

Brown University

85 Waterman, Campus Box 1951

Providence, RI 02912

p: (+1) 401-863-5909

e: mindi_schneider@brown.edu

EDUCATION

PhD	Development Sociology, Cornell University Dissertation: <i>Modern Meat, Industrial Swine: China and the Remaking of Agri-food Politics in the 21st Century</i> Specializations: State, Economy, and Society; Environmental Sociology; International Agriculture and Rural Development	2013
MS	Agronomy, University of Nebraska Minor: Environmental Studies	2004
BS	Horticulture, University of Nebraska Minor: Philosophy	2000

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer Environment and Society Brown University	July 2022 – present
Assistant Professor Agrarian Sociology and Rural Development Wageningen University, the Netherlands	May 2019 – June 2022
Assistant Professor Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, the Netherlands	January 2014 – May 2019
Convenor (Director) Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies MA program (ISS)	2014 - 2018
Postdoctoral Fellow Arrighi Center for Global Studies Johns Hopkins University	July – December 2013

EDITORSHIPS

Founding Editor, <i>Commodity Frontiers</i>	2020 – present
Associate Editor, <i>Canadian Journal of Development Studies</i>	2016 – present
Editorial Board, <i>Journal of World-Systems Research</i>	2019 – present

COLLABORATIONS

Commodity Frontiers Initiative (CFI), Co-Leader	2014 – present
Critical Research on Industrial Livestock Systems (CRILS) at the Royal Veterinary College (London), Senior Collaborator and Labor Working Group Co-Lead	2023 – present
Global Environmental Justice (GEJ) Working Group at Brown, Founder and PI	2024 – present

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2023 Villavicencio-Valdez, Gabriela, Valeria, J. Jacobi, **Mindi Schneider**, Miguel A. Altieri, and Humberto Suzán-Azpiri. (2023) “Urban Agroecology Enhances Agrobiodiversity and Resilient, Biocultural Food Systems. The Case of the Semi-Dryland and Medium-Sized Querétaro City, Mexico.” *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems* 7 (November): 1066428.
- 2022 Zhang, Ling and **Mindi Schneider**. (2022) “Introduction: Feeding, Eating, Worrying: Chinese Food Politics Across Time.” *Global Food History* 8(3): 153-156.
- 2021 Beckert, Sven, Ulbe Bosma, **Mindi Schneider** and Eric Vanhaute. (2021) “Commodity Frontiers and the Transformation of the Global Countryside: A Research Agenda.” *Journal of Global History* 16(3): 435-450.
- 2021 Beckert, Sven, Ulbe Bosma, **Mindi Schneider** and Eric Vanhaute. (2021) “Commodity Frontiers and Global History: The Tasks Ahead.” *Journal of Global History* 16(3): 466-469.
- 2021 Büscher, Bram, Giuseppe Feola, Andrew Fischer, Robert Fletcher, Julien François Gerber, Wendy Harcourt, Martijn Koster, **Mindi Schneider**, Joeri Scholtens, Marja Spierenburg, Vincent Walstra, and Han Wiskerke. (2021) “Planning for a World Beyond COVID-19: Five Pillars for Post-Neoliberal Development.” *World Development*.
- 2021 **Schneider, Mindi**, Elizabeth Lord, and Jessica Wilczak. (2021) “We Too: Contending with the Sexual Politics of Fieldwork in China.” *Gender, Place & Culture* 28(4): 519-540.
- 2020 Lander, Brian, **Mindi Schneider**, and Katherine Brunson. (2020) “A History of Pigs in China: From Curious Omnivores to Industrial Pork.” *Journal of Asian Studies* 79(4): 865-889.
- 2020 Abdoellah, Oekan S., **Mindi Schneider**, Luthfan Meilana Nugraha, Yusep Suparman, Cisma Tami Voletta, Susanti Withaningsih, Parikesit, Amanda Hoptiyanggit, Lukmanul Hakim. (2020). “Homegarden Commercialization: Extent, Household Characteristics, and Effect on Food Security and Food Sovereignty in Rural Indonesia.” *Sustainability Science* 15: 797-815.
- 2017 Day, Alexander F. and **Mindi Schneider**. (2017) “The End of Alternatives? Capitalist Transformation, Rural Activism, and the Politics of Possibility in Contemporary China.” *Journal of Peasant Studies* 45(7): 1221-1246.
- 2017 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2017) “Wasting the Rural: Meat, Manure and the Politics of Agro-industrialization in Contemporary China.” *Geoforum* 78(1): 89-97.
- 2017 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2017) “Dragon Head Enterprises and the State of Agribusiness in China.” *Journal of Agrarian Change* 17(1): 3-21.

- 2016 Oliveira, Gustavo de L.T. and **Mindi Schneider**. (2016) "The Politics of Flexing Soybeans: China, Brazil, and Global Agroindustrial Restructuring." *Journal of Peasant Studies* 43(1): 167-194.
- 2015 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2015) "What, Then, is a Chinese Peasant? *Nongmin* Discourse and Agroindustrialization in Contemporary China." *Agriculture and Human Values* 32: 331-346.
- 2014 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2014) "Developing the Meat Grab." *Journal of Peasant Studies* 41(4): 613-633.
- 2011 McMichael, Philip and **Mindi Schneider**. (2011) "Food Security Politics and the Millennium Development Goals." *Third World Quarterly* 32(1): 119-139.
- 2010 **Schneider, Mindi** and Philip McMichael. (2010) "Deepening, and Repairing, the Metabolic Rift." *Journal of Peasant Studies* 37 (3): 461-484.
- 2006 **Schneider, Mindi** L. and Charles A. Francis. (2006) "Ethics of Land Use in Nebraska: Farmer and Consumer Opinions in Washington County." *Journal of Sustainable Agriculture* 28(4): 81-104.
- 2005 **Schneider, Mindi** L. and Charles A. Francis. (2005) "Marketing Locally Produced Foods: Consumer and Farmer Opinions in Washington County, Nebraska." *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems* 20(4): 252-260.
- 2005 **Schneider, Mindi**, Ashley Colglazier, Caleb Pollard, Rhoda Beutler, and Charles Francis. (2005) "Student, Advisor, and Employer Opinions on Interdisciplinary Education in Agriculture." *Journal of Natural Resources and Life Science Education* 34: 101-106.
- 2005 **Schneider, Mindi**, Ashley Colglazier, Caleb Pollard, Rhoda Beutler, and Charles Francis. (2005) "Discovering the Whole: Multiple Paths to Systems Learning." *NACTA* (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) *Journal* 49(2): 15-22.

Chapters in Books

- 2023 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2023) "Empresas "cabeça de dragão" e o estado do agronegócio na China." *Agricultura, alimentação e desenvolvimento rural na China*, edited by Escher, Fabiano and Schneider, Sergio, Porto Alegre, Editora da UFRGS, pp. 75-108. (translation into Portuguese of 2017 article, Dragon Head Enterprises and the State of Agribusiness in China)
- 2022 Brunson, Katherine, Brian Lander, and **Mindi Schneider**. (2022) Cattle and People in China: From the Neolithic to the Present. In *Cattle and People: Interdisciplinary Approaches to an Ancient Relationship*, ed. Wright, Elizabeth and Catarina Ginja, 281-302. Atlanta, GA: Lockwood Press.
- 2019 **Mindi Schneider**. (2019) China's Global Meat Industry: The World-Shaking Power of Industrializing Pigs and Pork in China's Reform Era. In *Global Meat: Social and Environmental Consequences of the Expanding Meat Industry*, ed. Bill Winders and Elizabeth Ransom, 79-100. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2018 **Mindi Schneider**. (2018) Reforming the Humble Pig: Pigs, Pork, and Contemporary China. In *Animals Through Chinese History. Earliest Times to 1911*, ed. Roel Sterckx, Martina Siebert, and Dagmar Schäfer. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- 2017 M. Jahi Chappell and **Mindi Schneider**. (2017) The New Three-Legged Stool: Agroecology, Food Sovereignty, and Food Justice. In *The Routledge Handbook of Food Ethics*, ed. Mary C. Rawlinson and Caleb Ward, 419-429. New York: Routledge.

Manuscripts in Press

- 2025 **Schneider, Mindi**, Sven Beckert, and Ulbe Bosma. (2024) “600 Years of Capitalism before Noon: How Centuries of Capitalist Expansion Fuels European Consumption Today,” In *Wereldgeschiedenis: Essays voor een Planeet in Verandering (World History: Essays for a Changing Planet)*, ed. Hanne Cottyn and Robrecht Declercq. Antwerp, Belgium: Ertsberg (forthcoming, in Dutch).
- 2024 Jacquet, Jennifer... **Mindi Schneider** ... et al. (2024) Support for the US Octopus Act. *Science*, 16 August 2024 (in press).
- 2023 Rasch, Elisabet Dueholm, Renée Beune, Gijs Cremers, Lotje de Vries, Pia Ferner, Sarah Hunt, **Mindi Schneider**, Lucie Sovova, Caspar Swinkels, Chantal Wieckardt, Floor van der Hout, Karen van Zaal. “Tidy Towns, Gaelic Football and Turf Cutters: Yielding Insights from Ten Years of Student Research on Rural Life in County Roscommon.” *Irish Journal of Anthropology* (forthcoming).

Book Reviews

- 2014 Schneider, Mindi. (2014) Corn Meets Maize: Food Movements and Markets in Mexico. *Journal of Peasant Studies* 42(1), 242–245.

Non-Refereed Journal Articles

- 2023 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2023) ‘Renewable’ Energy Frontiers: Editorial Introduction. *Commodity Frontiers* 6: i-iv.
- 2023 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2023) Human Body Frontiers: Editorial Introduction. *Commodity Frontiers* 5: i-iv.
- 2022 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2022) Waste Frontiers: Editorial Introduction. *Commodity Frontiers* 4: i-iv.
- 2021 **Schneider, Mindi** and Samuël Coghe. (2021) Livestock Frontiers: Editorial Introduction. *Commodity Frontiers* 3: i-viii.
- 2021 **Schneider, Mindi** and Ulbe Bosma. (2021) Stimulant Frontiers: Editorial Introduction. *Commodity Frontiers* 2: i-iv.
- 2021 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2021) Working the Rural-Urban Divide: Alexander Day Traces a Century of Agricultural Modernization in China’s Present-Day Tea Capital. *Commodity Frontiers* 2: 10-15.
- 2021 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2020) Mineral Frontiers: Editorial Introduction. *Commodity Frontiers* 1: i-iii.

Professional Publications from Commissioned Research (selections)

- 2014 Oliveira, Gustavo de L.T. and **Mindi Schneider**. (2014) [*The Politics of Flexing Soybeans in China and Brazil*](#), Transnational Institute (TNI).

- 2014 **Schneider, Mindi** with Shefali Sharma. (2014) [*China's Pork Miracle: Agribusiness and Development in China's Pork Industry*](#), Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP).
- 2011 Schneider, Mindi. (2011) [*Feeding China's Pigs: Implications for the Environment, China's Smallholder Farmers and Food Security*](#), Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP).
- 2011 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2011) *China Living Wage Study*. Report commissioned by Solidaridad China.
- 2009 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2009) [*"We Are Hungry!" A Summary Report of Food Riots, Government Responses, and States of Democracy in 2008*](#). Published at RajPatel.org.

Popular Writing (selections)

- 2019 **Schneider, Mindi**, Brian Lander, and Katherine Brunson. (2019) "How the pig became a 'pork factory' in China". *China Dialogue*, 23 July.
- 2018 Beckert, Sven and **Mindi Schneider**. (2018) [*'Der große Landraub'*](#). *Die Zeit*, 5 September.
- 2018 Beckert, Sven and **Mindi Schneider**. (2018) [*Τα φαντάσματα στην μπροστινή αυλή της Ευρώπης*](#). *Efsyn*, 5 August.
- 2018 Beckert, Sven and **Mindi Schneider**. (2018) [*L'Europa, un orticello globale*](#). *Il Sole*, 18 August.
- 2010 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2010) *China's Pollution Census, Manure and Biogas*, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, July 19.
- 2010 **Schneider, Mindi**. (2010) *Guest Blog: Going the Whole Hog*, RajPatel.org, May 8.
- 2004 Francis, Charles, **Mindi Schneider**, and Brad Kindler (Eds). (2004) *Science-Based Organic Farming: A Resource for Educators*, University of Nebraska Extension Division.

ACADEMIC AWARDS and HONORS

- 2017 Selection of article, "Dragon Head Enterprises and the State of Agribusiness in China" as finalist for the *Bernstein & Byers Prize in Agrarian Change* for 2017.
- 2015 Selection of article, "Deepening, and Repairing, the Metabolic Rift" as one of 40 articles for the *Journal of Peasant Studies*' special issue, "JPS40: Greening Agrarian Studies."
- 2014 Selection of article, "Developing the Meat Grab" as finalist for the *Krishna Bharadwaj and Eric Wolf Prize* for 2013-2014.
- 2013 Philip Taietz Prize for most outstanding paper presented at a scholarly meeting in 2012, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University, 2013.
- 2012 *China in Transition* course ranked in the top five of all First-Year Writing Seminars at Cornell University by student evaluations, 2012.
- 2007 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, 2007.
- 2005 Honorable Mention Journal Award for *Discovering the Whole: Multiple Paths to Systems Learning*, NACTA Journal 49(2):15-22.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship
Brown University, Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning
- 2018 Individual Fellowship
Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities (NIAS-KNAW), Amsterdam.
- 2013 Postdoctoral Fellowship
Arrighi Center for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University.
- 2011 Instructor Fellowship
Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Instructor Fellowship, Cornell University.
- 2011 Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship
The Schoolhouse, Beijing, China.
- 2009 Doctoral Research Fellowship
Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship.
- 2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
Chinese FALCON Program (Full-Year Asian Language Concentration), Cornell University.
- 2005 NSF Graduate Teaching Fellowship
National Science Foundation, Cornell Science Inquiry Partnership.
- 2000 Graduate Fellowship
ARCO/Swallow Graduate Fellowship, Oregon State University.

INVITED TALKS (** keynotes)

- 2024 “All the Pigs in China: Resources, Technologies, and Knowledges that Made Modern Pork.” *Exploring European-Chinese Knowledge Transfers in Pig Production – Paths Ahead*, Scenarios for Sustainable Animal Production network, University of Copenhagen (Denmark), 14 August.
- 2024 “The Industrial Meat Regime and Metabolic Death Rifts in China’s Pork Industry,” *Unraveling contradictions. Intensive animal husbandry, socio-ecological crisis, and cultivated meat* (online workshop), International Society of Gastronomic Sciences and Studies (ISGSS), University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (Italy), 8 April.
- 2024 “The Industrial Meat Regime, Racial Capitalism, and Rural Space in the USA,” *Reimagining Ruralities: From Heartlands to Hinterlands*, Center for Place, Culture and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center, 8-9 March.
- 2022 “Producing – and Disposing – Life and Death in Industrial Livestock,” *Animals, Territories, Environments* series presented by the Faculty Working Group Committee on Environment, Geography, and Urbanization (CEGU), University of Chicago (webinar), 10 May.
- 2021 ** “Shame, Silence, and Solidarity in the Sexual Politics of Fieldwork,” The Netherlands Association for Gender Studies and Feminist Anthropology (LOVA), *Harassment in the Field: Reflections on Safety and Vulnerability during Fieldwork* (webinar), 27 May.
- 2021 “We, Too: Contending with the Sexual Politics of Fieldwork in China,” *Virtual Literature Review on Gender-Based Violence during Fieldwork*, Women Doing Fieldwork Network (WDFN), 8 March.
- 2020 “Site, Source, and Sink: Rendering the Chinese Countryside in the Age of Pork,” University of Amsterdam *Rural Imagination* research group, Amsterdam (online), 17 November.

- 2020 “Looking at the Rural to See the Urban: The Metabolic Rift, Social Reproduction, and Feeding Affluence in the Chinese City,” Graduate Workshop on China in the Urban Age: Health, Food and Waste in the Chinese City: practical, utopian and systemic solutions, University of Sydney, China Studies Centre, 26 October.
- 2020 “Sexual Politics of Fieldwork,” *Professional Development Workshop on Fieldwork in China Today*, Association of Chinese Political Studies (ACPS) Annual Meeting and International Symposium: Exploring the Future of Research on Chinese Politics and Policy, Middlebury College (online), 19-23 October 2020.
- 2020 “The Pork Fix: African Swine Fever and the Opportunity of Crisis in China’s Pork Industry,” Cornell Contemporary China Initiative lecture series, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 17 February.
- 2019 “The World-Shaking Power of Pigs and Pork in Post-Socialist China,” Liebertal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 21 October.
- 2019 “The World-Shaking Power of Pigs and Pork in Post-Socialist China,” Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts, 9 October.
- 2018 “Food and Power: A Food Regime Analysis of Contemporary China,” at *Chinese Food* workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 27 April.
- 2017 “Meat, Metabolism and the Value of Life in the Anthropocene,” *Political Ecologies in/ of the Anthropocene: Value, Life and Critique*, Annual Political Ecology PhD summer school, Wageningen University, 23 June.
- 2017 “From Resourceful Pigs to Resource-full Hogs: Shifting Natures in China’s Modern Food System,” *The Chan Workshop on Food, Agriculture and the Environment in China*; hosted by The Wellington K.K. Chan Distinguished Visitor in Residence Program in Chinese Studies; Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, 31 March.
- 2017 “Dirty (Agri) Business: On the Contested Politics of Making Soil in Contemporary China,” *Knowing Soils: An Anthropology of Agricultural Knowledge*, Universität Tübingen, 27 January.
- 2016 ** “On Taking and Leaving Behind: Agrarian Change and the Dialectics of Agro-Extractivism,” 4th International Conference of BICAS, *Agro-Extractivism Inside and Outside BRICS: Agrarian Change and Development Trajectories*, College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University, Beijing, 29 November.
- 2016 “The Global Impacts of Pork Production and Consumption in China,” Beijing Farmer’s Market organization, Beijing, 10 November.
- 2016 ** “Combining Ecology and Sociology for Sustainability Studies,” *International Sustainability Science Symposium*, Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung, Indonesia, 20 September.
- 2016 “Feeding China: Pork and Politics in a Changing Global Food System,” *Food Security and Food Safety – Challenges for Chinese Agriculture*, Freie Universität Berlin, 21 May.
- 2016 “From Resourceful Pigs to Resource-full Hogs: Shifting Natures in China’s Modern Food System,” *Resourceful Things: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Resource Exploration and Exploitation in pre-modern and modern China*; hosted by the Harvard Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard China Project, and Boston College; Cambridge, Massachusetts, 21 April.

- 2016 “Pork, Dragon Heads, and China’s Agrifood Transformations,” SOAS Food Forum, University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies), 26 February.
- 2016 “The State of Agribusiness in Reform-Era China: Histories and Trajectories,” SOAS Agrarian Change Seminar, University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies), 24 February.
- 2016 “Reframing Food Regimes: China, Human-Nature Labour Ecologies, and Contemporary Agrifood Politics” (with Alexander Day), *Chaos and Governance in the 21st Century: Prospects and Challenges to Peace and Justice in the Age of US Hegemonic Decline*, hosted by Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 18-19 February.
- 2015 “Pigs in China and the Metabolic Rift,” *Pigging Out – Hogs and Humans in Global and Historical Context*, hosted by Yale Program in Agrarian Studies, New Haven, Connecticut, 16-18 October.
- 2015 “China and Europe in the Global Livestock-Feed Complex: Collaboration for Innovative Solutions to Social and Environmental Challenges,” *6th INCO Conference – Joint Innovation, Common Prosperity*, hosted by the DG Research of the European Commission and the Ministry of Science and Technology, Beijing, China, 16-18 June.
- 2015 “Wasting the Rural: Meat, Manure, and the Politics of Agroindustrialization in Contemporary China,” *Brown China Initiative Conference*, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 12 February.
- 2014 “Meatification in China and the ‘Global Land Grab,’” *Arrighi Center for Global Studies workshop on Land, Money and Movements*, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, 14 February.
- 2014 “China’s Meat Revolution: Agribusiness, Growth and its Limits,” webinar for the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, 19 February.
- 2013 “Dragon Head Enterprises and the State of Agribusiness in Reform Era China,” *Arrighi Center for Global Studies and the East Asian Studies Program workshop on Agrarian Development in China: Legacies and Prospects*, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, 1 November.
- 2013 “Sustaining Pork Production: Questions for Collaboration,” *EU-China Experts’ Seminar on Developing a Joint Initiative for Cooperation in Research and Innovation on Food, Agriculture and Biotechnologies (FAB)*, China Agricultural University, Beijing, China, 10-11 October.
- 2011 “Value Chains and Power Analysis: Applications for China,” Oxfam Hong Kong, Beijing, China, 30 March.
- 2011 “What’s Pork Got to Do with It? Development, Sustainability, and Change in China’s New Food Economy,” fellow lecture at The Schoolhouse, Mutianyu Village, China, 23 April.
- 2010 “Smallholder Farmers and Sustainable Development: Challenges and Issues,” Annual Meeting of the China Tea Association, Sustainable Development Forum, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province, China, 10 October.

WORKSHOPS and CONFERENCES

Workshops, Conferences and Symposia Organized

- 2025 *Convergences and Divergences in Global Environmental Justice: Land, Energy, Health, and Waste*. Brown University, symposium organized through the Global Environmental Justice Working Group, 22 April (event organization in progress).
- 2025 *Enacting Environmental Justice: Lessons and Practices from Global EJ Advocates*. Brown University, student professional development workshop organized through the Global Environmental Justice Working Group, 23 April (event organization in progress).
- 2025 *The Nature of Commodity Frontiers*. Harvard University, conference co-organized with Sven Beckert, Ulbe Bosma, and Eric Vanhaute, sponsored by Harvard University, 24-26 April (event organization in progress).
- 2023 *The World of Sugar* Book Talk with Ulbe Bosma (author) and Anthony Bogues (commentator). Brown University, co-sponsored by IBES and the Simmons Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, 18 April.
- 2023 *Handwriting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and People Living in Rural Areas*. Event #145 of Handwriting the Constitution. Brown University, sponsored by IBES, 17 April.
- 2022 *Deep Roots: Interdisciplinary Workshop on the Past, Present, and Future of Commodity Frontiers and the Countryside*. Wageningen University, conference co-organized with Pim de Zwart, sponsored by Wageningen University, 19-21 May.
- 2019 *Feeding China*, Boston College and Harvard University, workshop co-organized with Ling Zhang, co-sponsored by Boston College and Harvard University, 10-13 October.

Conference Panels Organized

- 2024 *Commodity Frontiers and the Environment: Linking Past, Present, and Future Transformations in the Global Countryside*. World Congress of Environmental History annual meeting, Oulu, Finland, 18-22 August (with Sven Beckert, Eric Vanhaute, and Mattias Borg-Rasmussen).
- 2021 *The Sexual Politics of Fieldwork*. American Association of Geographers annual meeting, online, 7-11 April (with Araby Smyth and Manon Lefevre).
- 2015 *Recasting the Rural: State, Society and Space in Contemporary China*. American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 21-25 April (with Jessica Wilczak and Emily Yeh).
- 2006 *New Sociologies of Food and Agriculture: Analytical Approaches to Contract Hog Production, Organic Regulation, and Food Retailing*. Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society annual meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 7-11 June (with Robin Cheney Kreider and Rachel Schwartz).

Conference Papers Presented (selections)

- 2023 Invited commentary at *Natural Resources, Sovereignty and Markets: Revisiting Socio-Economic Histories of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* workshop, Harvard University, 14-15 June.
- 2019 “China’s Industrial Meat Regime and the Emergence of its Contemporary Food System” at the Association for Asian Studies annual meeting, Denver, Colorado, 24-27 March (*The Politics of Feeding China* panel participant and co-organizer).
- 2015 “The New ‘Three-Legged Stool’: Agroecology, Food Sovereignty, and Food Justice,” Session on Putting Agroecology to Work: From Science to Practice and Policy at the Ecological

- Society of America annual meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, 9-14 August (paper with M. Jahi Chappell).
- 2015 “Wasting the Rural and Meat for the Elite: A Political Ecology of Agroindustrialization in Contemporary China,” American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 21-25 April.
- 2015 “Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Meat Consumption in Emerging Economies,” American Association of Geographers annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 21-25 April (panel participant).
- 2013 “Pork and Beans: Food Security Politics and the Reconfiguration of Diets and Agriculture in Post-Reform China,” conference on Foodways in China: New Scholarly Trajectories, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, 8-10 May.
- 2012 “‘We Will Feed Ourselves!’ Food Security Politics and the Land Grab in Post-reform China,” International Conference on Global Land Grabbing II, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 17-19 October.
- 2012 “Peasants and the State of Agribusiness: Exploring the Agrarian Question in Post-reform China,” China Postgraduate Network conference, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, 18-19 June.
- 2006 “Home on the Range? Making the Case for Displacement of Hog Farmers in Iowa,” Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society conference, Boston, Massachusetts, 7-11 June.
- 2005 “Ownership and Control in the Organic Retail Sector,” Association for the Study of Food and Society and Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society conference, Portland, Oregon, 9-12 June.

TEACHING

Courses

	Level	Dates	Enrollment
Brown University (2022-present)			
Farm Planet: Hunger, Development, and the Future of Food and Agriculture	BS/BA	2023S 2023F	23 45
Land Matters: Stewardship, Sovereignty, and Justice on the Ground	BS/BA	2022F 2024S	39 22
Commodity Natures: Supply Chains from Extraction to Waste and Alternatives to Endless Growth (senior seminar)	BS/BA	2023S 2023F	5 14
Equity and the Environment	BS/BA	2024S	24
Methods for Interdisciplinary Environmental Research	BS/BA	2022F	63
Wageningen University (2019-2022)			
Land and Water Politics	BSc	2020-2022	80-100
Sociology of Farming and Rural Life	BSc/ MSc	2020-2022	30-40
Field Research Practical (travel ethnography)	BSc	2019-2021	60-80
Authoritarian Natures? Political Ecologies of Post-Truth, the State and Social Ruptures (Political Ecology Summer School)	PhD	2021	24
International Institute of Social Studies (2014-2019)			

Global Food Politics	MA/PhD	2014-2019	20-30
Political Economy/Ecology of Agriculture and Environment	MA/PhD	2014-2019	20-30
Research Methods Seminar	PhD	2014	15
Cornell University (2011-2013)			
International Development and Global Commodity Chains	BS/BA	2013	18
China in Transition: First-Year Writing Seminar	BS/BA	2011-2012	15-18

Pedagogical Training and Accreditations

Junior Faculty Teaching Fellowship, Brown University, 2023-2024

Sheridan Teaching Seminar, Fall 2023

Professional PhD Supervision Training Course and Certification, Wageningen University, the Netherlands, completed 17 December 2020

University Teaching Qualification (BKO), the Netherlands, obtained 11 October 2016

Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Instructor Fellowship and Training, Cornell University (2011)

National Science Foundation Graduate Teaching Fellowship and Training, Cornell University (2005)

SUPERVISION and ADVISING

Undergraduate Supervision and Advising: Brown University

Honors Thesis Supervision

Rose Shen (Environmental Studies), 2024-2026

Isaac Slevin (Environmental Studies), 2024-2025 (co-supervisor)

Eliana Hornbuckle (Urban Studies), 2024-2025 (second reader)

Liu Rothschild (Environmental Studies), 2023-2024

Undergraduate Research Supervision

Elhadj Barry (Computer Science and Public Health), Laidlaw Fellow, 2023-2025

Independent Study Supervision

Isabella Mandell (Environmental Studies), 2024-2025

Galit Ringach (Behavioral Decision Science), 2024-2025

Delaney Dill (Environmental Science), 2024

Undergraduate Advising

Concentration Advising: 14

College Advising: 4

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Supervision

Isabella Mandell (Farm Planet), 2024

Isabella Garo (Equity and the Environment), 2024

Dawson Phillips (Farm Planet), 2023

Graduate Advising

PhD Supervision: Daily Supervisor

Huei-Ling (Lynn) Lai (2021) “Placing Sustainability: Geo-Historical Entanglements of Grassroots Innovations and Place-Making Politics in Taiwan” (ISS).

Christina Schiavoni. (2019). “Constructing and Contesting Food Sovereignty: Food Lines, Fault Lines and Seeds of Transformation in Venezuela” (ISS, graduated *cum laude*).

PhD Supervision: Supervisory Team

Stella Namanji. (2022) “Environmental policy for forest tree biodiversity conservation in Uganda: A holistic approach to the policy process” (co-supervised through Norwegian University of Life Sciences).

Flavia Fabiano. (2022) “Rising China and Sustainable Value Chains: The Case of Vegetable Oils” (co-supervised through the French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development - CIRAD).

Zoe Brent. (2021) “The Challenge of Generational Renewal in Post-industrial Farming Contexts: Regimes of Agrarian Social Reproduction in the Basque Country” (ISS).

Yunan Xu. (2018) “The Political Economy of Industrial Tree Plantations in the Era of the Global Land Rush: The Case of Guangxi, China” (ISS).

MSc Supervision: Wageningen University

MSc students supervised and graduated from 2019-2022: 9

MA Supervision: International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)

MA students supervised and graduated from 2014-2017: 32

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Brown University

2023- Member, Fulbright Scholarship Committee
2023 Facilitator, New Faculty Orientation to Teaching at Brown (Launch), Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning

Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES)

2024- Member, Curriculum Committee, Environmental Studies (ENVS) concentration
2023- Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Committee (DIAC)
2023-2024 Member, Target of Opportunity Scoping Committee
2023-2024 Co-Organizer (with Neil Safir) of CLACS-IBES Environmental Film Festival
2022 Member, IBES Strategic Planning Committee

Wageningen University

2020-2022 Program Committee Member, International Land and Water Management, BSc and MSc degree programs
2019-2022 Member, Graduate School, Wageningen School of Social Sciences

International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)

2017-9 Member, Teaching and Learning Committee
2014-8 Convenor (Director) of Agrarian, Food and Environmental Studies MA Program
2015 Co-Organizer, Research in Progress Seminar Series
2015 Member, Faculty Search Committee
2018 Member, Faculty Search Committee
2014-9 Member, Political Ecology Research Group

Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS)
2018 Member, NIAS Fellows' Alumni Board
2018 Member, Fellows' Committee

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

Agriculture and Human Values

Antipode

Canadian Journal of Development Studies

China Quarterly

Development and Change

Environment and Development

Food Policy

Foreign Policy Analysis

Forum for Development Studies

Geoforum

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research

Journal of Agrarian Change

Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics

Journal of Peasant Studies

Journal of Rural Studies

Journal of Urban History

Professional Geographer

Sustainability

Third World Quarterly

Book Proposal and Manuscript Reviewer

2024 MIT Press

2018 Bloomsbury Press

2016 Routledge

2014 Fernwood Press

Grant Proposal Reviewer

2024 Swiss National Science Foundation

2024 The British Academy

2018 European Research Council (ERC)

2017 Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO)

2014 Government of Canada Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

SERVICE to COMMUNITY

2023- Volunteer and Team Member at the Creative Reuse Center (CRC) of Rhode Island

2022- Mentor Volunteer at Big Brothers Big Sisters Rhode Island

GRANTS

Current Grants

2024 IBES Catalyst Research Award. *Global Environmental Justice Working Group: Engaged Research and Education on EJ Convergences, Divergences, and Futures around the World*. Principle Investigator. July 2024 – July 2026: \$30,000.

Completed Grants

- 2020 Wageningen University Excellence Funds. *Deep Roots: Social Histories and Historical Sociologies of Agriculture, Environment, and Inequality. Setting the Agenda for Commodity Studies at Wageningen University*. Main applicant (with Pim de Zwart). December 2020 – December 2022: €20,000.
- 2020 Wageningen University Excellence Funds. *Convivial Seed Sharing among Minority Women in Yunnan Province: A Collaboration with the China Academy of Sciences*. Principle Investigator. 2020: €4,200 (not used because of COVID).
- 2020 Wageningen University Aspasia Grant for women in science. *Acquiring Alternatives: Amplifying Marginal Voices in Development Studies and Building an Intersectional WUR, One Grant Proposal at a Time*. Co-applicant with Stephanie Hobbis, Elisabet Rasch, and Lotje de Vries. 2020: €10,000.
- 2018 International Institute of Social Studies Research Innovation Facility. *Political Ecology of Food, Waste, and Value in the 21st Century*. Principle Investigator, 2019: € 5,000 (declined because of move).
- 2009 Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship *From Farm to Factory: Pigs, Development and Social Change in Contemporary China*. Principle Investigator. December 2009 – December 2010: \$51,439.
- 2009 Jeffrey Sean Lehman Fund for Scholarly Exchange with China, Cornell University. *From Farm to Factory: An Analysis of Swine Sector Restructuring and Contemporary Agrarian Change in China*. Principal Investigator. August – December 2009: \$13,250.
- 2008 Lam Family Award for South China Research, East Asia Program, Cornell University. (declined because of Fulbright Hayes Award).
- 2007 Polson Institute for Global Development, Exploratory Dissertation Research Travel Award, Cornell University. January 2007: \$8,000.
- 2003 North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE), Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. *Local Foods and Land Ethics*. Principle Investigator. 2003: \$10,000.

Grant Proposals Not Funded

- 2020 The Royal Academy of the Netherlands, Academy Institutes Fund. *Historicizing the Environmental Justice Atlas: A Pilot for Mapping Socio-Environmental Conflicts from the 1820s onwards*. Co-applicant. 2021-2023: €250,000.
- 2020 European Research Council Synergy Grant. *Commodity Frontiers: Capitalist Transformations of the Global Countryside During the Past Six Centuries. A Transdisciplinary Research Project*. Co-applicant (one of four PIs). Made it to the final round; success rate of 7.7%. 2021-2027: €10 million.
- 2019 European Research Council Synergy Grant. *Commodity Frontiers: Capitalist Transformations of the Global Countryside During the Past Six Centuries. A Transdisciplinary Research Project*. Co-applicant (one of four PIs). Made it to the final round; success rate of 13%. 2020-2026: €9.9 million.
- 2018 European Research Council Synergy Grant. *Commodity Frontiers: Capitalist Transformations of the Global Countryside During the Past Six Centuries. A Transdisciplinary Research Project*. Co-applicant (one of four PIs). Made it to the final round; success rate of 9%. 2019-2025: €9.9 million.

- 2019 European Commission, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Innovative Training Networks (ITN), Call: H2020-MSCA-ITN-2019. *Commodity Frontiers Training Network. Ecological Distribution Conflicts in the Global Countryside*. Co-applicant (with consortium). 2020-2023: €4 million.
- 2018 European Commission, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Innovative Training Networks (ITN), Call: H2020-MSCA-ITN-2018. *Commodity Frontiers Training Network: Ecological Distribution Conflicts in the Global Countryside*. Co-applicant (with consortium). 2019-2022: €3.9 million.
- 2017 European Commission, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Innovative Training Networks (ITN), Call: H2020-MSCA-ITN-2017. *Commodity Frontiers Training Network: Historical change, economic expansion and the transformation of the global countryside*. Co-applicant (with consortium). 2018-2021: €3.9 million.
- 2018 Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Cooperation Indonesia-The Netherlands Programme. *Towards Economies of Solidarity: Action Research on Sustainable Agro-Food Initiatives with Women, Communities, and Social Movements*. Main applicant (PI). 2019-2022: €313,000.
- 2017 American Council of Learned Societies. *Making Tea: Shifting Natures and the Rural-Urban Divide in China's Modern Food System*. Project Collaborator with Alexander F. Day (Project Coordinator). 2018-2021: \$86,351.
- 2016 Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), Innovational Research Incentives Scheme, Veni Scheme. *Food, Capital, and Ecology in China: Historical Geographies and Planetary Futures*. Applicant (PI). 2017-2020: \$250,000.
- 2014 European Union Represented by the European Commission, EU-CHINA Research and Innovation Partnership (EuropeAid/135-587/DD/ACT/Multi). *China and the EU in the Global Livestock-Feed Complex: Collaboration for Innovative Solutions to Social and Environmental Challenges*. Applicant (PI). 2015-2019: €600,000.

RESEARCH CONSULTING and COMMISSIONS

- 2018 Advisor and Contributor, “Transitions to Sustainable Food Systems Through Agroecology,” report prepared for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations by the Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience (CAWR) of Coventry University.
- 2013 Advisor, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations: “Documentation of the Role of Smallholder/Family Farmer Agriculture in Sustainable Agricultural Production and Maintenance of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.”
- 2011-2 Research Consultant on Commission, Oxfam Hong Kong.
- 2011-4 Research Consultant, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy.
- 2011 Research Consultant on Commission, Solidaridad Regional Expertise Center, Beijing, China.

MEDIA and INTERVIEWS about RESEARCH

- 2024 Interviewed for [Gulf Streams](#) podcast, Episode 25. Pork, 11 March.
- 2022 Interviewed for [Brown Alumni Magazine](#), All the Pigs in China, 31 October.

- 2022 Interviewed for [The Little Red Podcast](#), Caste Aside: The Future of China's Peasants, 3 February.
- 2020 Interviewed for [China Eats](#) podcast, Gender and the Politics of Chinese Banquets, 18 July.
- 2019 Interviewed and quoted in [The Straits Times](#) about pork prices in China and African Swine Fever.
- 2019 Interviewed on the [BBC World Service Radio Newshour](#) about the history and politics of Chinese pork consumption in relation to the latest epidemic of African Swine Fever, 17 May.
- 2018 Interviewed and featured in the documentary film [Soyalism](#) on the politics and impacts of increasing meat consumption in China.
- 2018 Cited in the [Daily Maverick](#) (South Africa) on agroecology and climate change.
- 2015 Interviewed and cited in [The Economist](#) on the history and implications of rising pork consumption in China.
- 2014 Interviewed and cited in [The Ecologist](#) on agroecology and food security.
- 2014 Interviewed and cited in the [Wall Street Journal](#) on a proposal to get Chinese indigenous pigs and sustainable agriculture on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list.
- 2014 Interviewed and cited in [China Dialogue](#) on China's pork industry and Chinese agribusiness firms.
- 2014 Interviewed and cited in [Voice of America](#) on China and US agricultural trade relations.
- 2013 Interviewed and featured in the documentary [Man and Nature in One](#) for Radio and Television Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 2013 Interviewed and cited in [The Guardian](#) on the environmental implications of industrial pig farming in China.
- 2013 Interviewed and cited in *Better Pork* magazine on China's pork industry.
- 2012 Interviewed and featured in a story on the global implications of changing food consumption patterns in China. Aired on PBS's [News Hour](#) television program.
- 2012 Interviewed and featured in the [Food for 9 Billion](#) documentary film project on the global implications of changing food consumption patterns in China.
- 2012 Interviewed and cited in [Voice of America](#) on the transformation of the meat and livestock industry in China. May 9.
- 2011 Interviewed and cited in [WorldCrops](#) on rising global grain and meat prices and implications for China.
- 2011 Interviewed on [Radio Sustain](#) podcast on *Feeding China's Pigs* report.
- 2010 Interviewed and cited on the [China Study Group](#) website on food riots, food crises, and industrialization of agriculture in China.

LANGUAGES

English (native)

Mandarin Chinese (working knowledge in speaking, reading, and writing)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Geographers
Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society
American Association of University Women
American Sociological Association
Association for Asian Studies
International Studies Association