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EDUCATION

- 2016
(expected) Ph.D. Sociology, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Concentration: Political Economy and Globalization; Environmental Sociology
Chair: Paul K. Gellert
Committee Members: Sherry Cable, Jon Shefner, Michael McKinney (Earth and Planetary Science)
- 2012 M.A. Sociology, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Concentration: Environmental Sociology
Thesis: *The Politics of Protection and Promotion: The Case of the Coal Industry in Environmental Politics*
Chair: Robert E. Jones
Committee Members: Paul K. Gellert, Jon Shefner
- 2008 B.S. Sociology, Tennessee Technological University
Concentration: Sociology
Dean's List eight consecutive semesters

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Corporate Power and Mobilization
Extractive Industries
Environmental Politics

Social Movements/Social Change
Political Sociology
Historical Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2016 Lamphere, Jenna A. and Elizabeth A. East. 2016. "Monsanto's Biotechnology Politics: Discursive and Social Change." *Environmental Communication* Forthcoming
- 2013 Maples, James N. and Elizabeth A. East. 2013. "Destroying Mountains, Destroying Cemeteries: A Case Study of Historic Mountain Cemeteries in Southern West Virginia's Coal Fields." *Journal of Appalachian Studies* 19(1-2): 7-26.

- 2011 East, Elizabeth A. 2011. "The Framing of Problems and Solutions by NGOs, Corporations, and States: The Cases of Oromia and Ethiopia." *Journal of Oromo Studies* 17(2): 131-156.

Book Chapters

- 2014 East, Elizabeth A. and Jayanni Webster. 2014. "Student Activism and the University." Pp. 309-319 in *Social Justice and the University: Globalization, Human Rights, and the Future of Democracy* edited by Jon Shefner, Harry F. Dahms, Robert Emmet Jones, and Asafa Jalata. Hampshire: Palgrave MacMillan

Book Reviews

- 2016 East, Elizabeth A. 2016. "Book Review: *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*." *Humanity and Society*.
Forthcoming

Other Articles

- 2011 Dandaneau, Steven P. and Elizabeth A. East. 2011. "Listening to Sociological Elders: An Interview with Maurice R. Stein." *American Sociologist* 42(1): 129-144.
- Dandaneau, Steven P. and Elizabeth A. East. 2011. "The Sociology of Birth and Death: An Interview with Maurice R. Stein." *Humanity and Society* 35(1-2): 176-188.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

East, Elizabeth A., William V. Taylor, and James Maples
"Cross-National Subjective Class and Global Environmental Concern"
Under review at *Sociology*

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

East, Elizabeth A. and Jenna A. Lamphere
"Researching the Powerful via the Web: Web-Based Social Research and Industry-Funded Organizations"

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2015 Yates Dissertation Fellowship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Graduate School. *Funded: \$15,000*

- 2015 Dissertation Research Support Funds, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. *Funded: \$750*
- 2012 Ready for the World Special Projects Grant for event *Economic Crisis: Where Do We Go From Here? A Discussion with Fred Block*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Recipient with Rhiannon Leebrick and William V. Taylor. *Funded \$2250*
- 2010 Ready for the World Special Projects Grant for panel discussion *Living in the Shadows: Immigrant Experiences of Exploitation*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Recipient with William V. Taylor. *Funded: \$5000*
- 2010 TENN TLC Creative Teaching and Learning Grant, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Recipient with Dr. Steven P. Dandaneau. *Funded: \$3500*
- 2010 Ready for the World Special Projects Grant for conference *Voices of the Mountains: A Mountaintop Removal Discussion*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Recipient with Katie Morris. *Funded: \$5000*
- 2009 Ready for the World Special Projects Grant for conference *Blood Diamonds, Blood Phones, and the Devil's Gold: Africa's Resource Curse*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Recipient with Dr. Rosalind I.J. Hackett and Katie Morris. *Funded: \$5000*

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2014 Graduate Research Award, presented by the Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2011 Graduate Student Service Award, presented by the Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2010 Graduate Student Service Award, presented by the Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2008 Mookherjee Sociology Senior Award, presented by the Department of Sociology and Political Science, Tennessee Technological University. *Awarded: \$250*

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 *Corporate Political Mobilization: Organizing Oil in the Early 1900s*. Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 19-21, Seattle, WA.

- 2016 *Corporate Political Mobilization: the Case of the American Petroleum Institute.* Paper presented at the Comparative Historical Sociology conference, August 19, 2016, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 *Corporate Organizing and Political Process: the Case of the American Petroleum Institute in U.S. Environmental and Energy Politics, 1919-2014.* Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 21-23, 2015, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 *Monsanto's Biotechnology Politics: Discourses of Legitimation.* Paper presented with Jenna A. Lamphere at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 21-23, 2015, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 *The Case of Monsanto's Political Evolution in Biotechnology Politics.* Paper presented with Jenna A. Lamphere at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April, 2-5, 2014. Charlotte, NC.
- 2013 *Internet-Based Data and Qualitative Case Studies: Challenges and Opportunities.* Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 24-27, 2013. Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 *The Politics of Protection and Promotion: The Case of the Coal Industry in Environmental Politics.* Paper presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, February 28-March 2, 2013. Lexington, KY.
- 2012 *The Politics of Protection: Corporate Actors in Climate Change Discourse.* Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 21-24, 2012. New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 *The Creation of Clean Coal: An Analysis of Claims by Fossil Fuels Industries in Climate Change Discourse.* Paper presented with Robert E. Jones at the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, June 4-8, 2011. Madison, WI.
- 2011 *Destroying Us One Body at a Time: The Destruction of Historical Mountain Cemeteries by Mountaintop Removal in Boone County, WV.* Paper presented with James N. Maples at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 5-8, 2011. Jacksonville, FL.
- 2010 *Mountaintop Removal: Field Research Observations and Opportunities.* Presentation with Sara Malley, Carmel Price, Grant Mincy, Katie Morris, and James N. Maples at the Center for the Study of Social Justice Fall 2010 Colloquium Series, Oct. 1, 2010. Knoxville, TN.

- 2010 *Beginning at Home: Actualizing Social Justice in Group Dynamics*. Presentation with Katie Morris and Meghan Conley at the Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, June 2-5, 2010. Knoxville, TN.
- 2010 *The Implications of Non-problems: the Framing of Coal*. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 21-24, 2010. Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 *The Accidental Catastrophe: Environmental Dilemma in the Aftermath of the TVA Ash Spill in Tennessee*. Presentation with Damayanti Banerjee at the Rural Sociology Meeting, July 28-August 1, 2009. Madison, WI.
- 2009 *Alienation and Anti-oppression: Practices of youth social movements*. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 1-4, 2009. New Orleans, LA.
- 2008 *Millennial Activists: Strong individuals in social movements*. Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 9-12, 2008. Richmond, VA.

INVITED CAMPUS TALKS

- 2015 Invited panelist on *Graduate Student Life* for New Graduate Student Orientation for the UT Graduate School at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. August 11, 2015. Knoxville, TN.
- 2014 Invited speaker with Zach McKenney on *Activism and Academia* for Dr. Paul Gellert's Social Justice and Sociology seminar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. October 21, 2014. Knoxville, TN.
- 2014 Invited lecturer with Jenna Lamphere and Dr. Jon Shefner on *Organizing and Analyzing Qualitative Data* for Dr. Stephanie Bohon's Research Methods seminar in Sociology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. April 21, 2014. Knoxville, TN.
- 2013 Invited lecturer with Kelsea Norris on *Activism and Social Justice: Connecting Theory to Practice* for Kayla Stover's Social Justice and Social Change course at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. April 22, 2013. Knoxville, TN.
- 2013 Invited lecturer on *Food and Fair Trade: Commodity Chain Justice* for Dr. Sherry Cable's Sociology of Food Seminar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. April 4, 2013. Knoxville, TN.
- 2011 Invited facilitator for National Teach-in *Students Rising for Jobs and Economic Justice* at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. October 12, 2011. Knoxville, TN.

- 2011 Invited lecturer on *Global Trade and Environmental Problems* for Dr. Michael McKinney's Sustainability Seminar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. April 17, 2011. Knoxville, TN.
- 2011 Invited lecturer with Sara Malley, James N. Maples, and Katie Morris on *Mountaintop Removal* for Carmel Price's Food and Water Honors Seminar at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. March 25, 2011. Knoxville, TN.
- 2010 Invited lecturer with James N. Maples on *Eco-justice and Mountaintop Removal* for Dr. Rita Hagevik's Foundations in Environmental Education Graduate Symposium at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Nov. 11, 2010. Knoxville, TN.
- 2007 Invited speaker on *Food, Nutrition, and Justice* Seminar presented for the Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics Association at Tennessee Technological University, Feb. 22, 2007. Cookeville, TN.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2011-Summer 2014 Graduate Research Associate and Webmaster
Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Spring 2010 Graduate Research Assistant, Global Studies, Africana Studies,
and College of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Programs,
College of Arts and Sciences

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2016 Social Movements. Lead Instructor
- Fall 2016 Social Problems and Social Justice. Lead Instructor
- Summer 2015 Social Movements. Lead Instructor
- Spring 2015 Social Problems and Social Justice. Lead Instructor
- Fall 2014 Social Problems and Social Justice. Lead Instructor
- Spring 2012 Social Justice and Community Service. Field Research Supervisor
- Summer 2011 General Sociology. Lead Instructor
- Spring 2011 Social Justice and Social Change. Lead Instructor
- Fall 2010 Honors Sociology: The Sociology of Birth and Death. Co-Instructor

Fall 2010 Social Justice and Social Change. Teaching Assistant
Fall 2009 General Sociology. Teaching Assistant

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2014-2016 Listserv Moderator, Society for the Study of Social Problems
2014-2016 Environment and Technology Division Newsletter Editor,
 Society for the Study of Social Problems
2014-2015 Membership and Outreach Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems
2012-2014 Information Technology Options Committee,
 Society for the Study of Social Problems
2011 Volunteer for Registration, Southern Sociological Society

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2015-2016 Webmaster, Sociology Graduate Student Association, UTK
2014-2015 Social Co-Coordinator, Sociology Graduate Student Association, UTK
2013-2014 Webmaster, Sociology Graduate Student Association, UTK
2010-2011 Conference Coordinating Committee Member for Social Justice and the
 University Conference, UTK
2010-2011 SGSA Coordinator, Sociology Graduate Student Association, UTK
2009-2010 Events Coordinator, Sociology Graduate Student Association, UTK
2007-2008 Coordinator, Students for Human Rights, TTU
2007-2008 Founding Member, Sociology and Political Science Research Club, TTU
2006-2007 Mortar Board Member, TTU
2006-2007 Coordinator, Students for Human Rights, TTU
2006-2007 Coordinator, Student Environmental Action Coalition, TTU
2005-2006 Senator, Student Government Association, TTU
2005-2006 Recycling Coordinator, Student Environmental Action Coalition, TTU
2005-2006 Members Coordinator, Students for Human Rights, TTU

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociologists for Women in Society
Southern Sociological Society

COMMUNITY AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Oxfam America: Advisor for CHANGE Program
United Campus Workers: Member
Graduate Workers Organizing Committee: Member

PERSONNEL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Best Practices in Teaching (UTK Graduate Teaching Course)
Safe Zone Certified (LGBTQIA Ally Training)

TECHNICAL TRAINING AND SKILLS

Adobe Acrobat (advanced level)
Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Publisher, Power Point, Excel, and Access (all advanced levels)
Macintosh Works Suite: Pages (advanced level)
HTML (basic level)

REFERENCES

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