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EDUCATION

- MS/PhD **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT MADISON**—Sociology and Community & Environmental Sociology, *in progress*
Committee: Jane Collins (chair), Joel Rogers, Joshua Garoon, Katherine Curtis
- BS **ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY**—Sociology (with *Honors*) and Communication Studies, 2017, *Cum Laude* and *Robert G. Bone Scholar*
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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental sociology; political economy; work and labor; green-collar economy; waste management and recycling industries; ethnography; public scholarship

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2019 **Econie, Alexis** and Michael L. Dougherty. 2019. Contingent work in the US recycling industry: Permatemps and precarious green jobs. *Geoforum*: 99, 132-141.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.11.016>
- 2018 Sprecher, Susan, **Alexis Econie**, and Stanislav Treger. 2018. Mate preferences in emerging adulthood and beyond: Age variations in mate preferences and beliefs about change in mate preferences. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407518816880>

Policy Reports

- 2020 Rogers, Joel, Laura Dresser, Pablo F. Aquiles-Sanchez, **Alexis Econie**, Emily Miota, Henry Hill-Gorman, Marybeth McGinnis, Matias Scaglione. 2020. [The State of Working Wisconsin in the time of Coronavirus](#). COWS.

In Progress

- 2020 (1) Spear, Katya and Alexis Econie. Albuquerque New Mexico Waste Management Policy Brief, COWS. (2) Econie, Alexis. A Case for Cooperative Environmental-Labor Organization: History and Interventions for the US Green Economy, (3) Econie, Alexis and Sarah Rios. Toward and Environmental Justice of the Workplace

GRANTS & RESEARCH SUPPORT

External

- 2018 CAC AmeriCorps Education Award (\$5,815)
 2017 American Sociological Association Honors Program, Travel Grant (\$700)
 2017 National Science Foundation REU Travel Grants (cumulative, \$1,850)
 2016 National Science Foundation LAKES REU (\$4,000)

Internal

- 2019 Crowe Scholarship Travel Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$700)
 2019 Travel Funding, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$120)
 2018 Sustainability Research Stipend, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (\$3,000)
 2017 Robert G. Bone Scholarship, Illinois State University (\$4,000)
 2017 CAS Travel Funding, Illinois State University (\$250)
 2017 Travel Funding, Sociology/Anthropology Dept., Illinois State University (\$350)

HONORS & AWARDS**External**

- 2017 American Sociological Association Honors Program
 2017 Council on Undergraduate Research Outstanding Achievement in Research Award

Internal

- 2018 First-Year Choice Research Assistantship, Community & Environmental Soc, UW
 2017 Robert G. Bone Scholar, Illinois State University
 2017 Ben Keeley Award, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University
 2016 *Alpha Kappa Delta*, sociology honor fraternity, Illinois State University
 2016 *Lambda Pi Eta*, communication studies honor fraternity, Illinois State University
 2016 John A. Kinneman Award, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State Univ.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**Panels Organized**

- 2020 "Labor, Environment, and the Green New Deal," *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)* Annual Meeting. Panel **President** and **Co-Organizer** with Todd E. Vachon (Rutgers University). San Francisco, California. August 7-9, 2020.†
 2019 "Urban Responses to Climate Change," *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)* Annual Meeting. Panel **President** and **Co-Organizer** with Yuki Kato (Georgetown University). New York, New York. August 10-13, 2019.†

Panel President

- 2020 "Climate Change and Inequality," *Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)* Annual Meeting. Panel **President**. Omaha, Nebraska. April 2-5, 2020.†

Papers Presented (Select)

- 2020 **Econie, Alexis**. "Toward an Environmental Justice of the Workplace." *American Sociological Association (ASA)* Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California. August 8-11, 2020.†
 2020 **Econie, Alexis**. "The Social Construction of Skill and Risk in Green Industry." *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)* Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California.

August 7-10, 2020.†

- 2020 **Econie, Alexis.** “High Risk, ‘Low-Skill’? Assessing Value Economy of Work in Waste Management Industries.” *Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)*. Annual Meeting. Omaha, Nebraska. April 2-5, 2020.†
- 2019 **Econie, Alexis.** “Expanding the Scope of Place-Based Environmental Justice Scholarship: Communities, Health, and the Workplace.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)* Annual Meeting. New York, New York. August 10-13, 2019.
- 2018 **Econie, Alexis** and Michael L. Dougherty. “Precarious Work in the US Recycling Industry.” *Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Biennial Conference*. Oslo, Norway. June 19-22, 2018.
- 2017 Paulson, Nels, **Alexis Econie**, and Clare Salerno. “Social Capital and Cyanobacteria: How Reconnecting Non-Operating Landowners to Their Tenants and Communities Could Help End Water Pollution.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting*. Montreal, Québec, Canada. August 11-13, 2017.
- 2017 Sprecher, Susan, **Alexis Econie**, Stanislav Treger, and Ryan Willard. "Mate Preferences in Emerging Adulthood and Beyond: Cross-Sectional and Retrospective Analysis to Examine Changes." *Annual Meeting of Interdependence, Interactions, and Relationships*. Syracuse, NY. June 23-25, 2017.
- 2016 **Econie, Alexis.** “Social Capital and Sustainable Land Usage.” *Wisconsin Sociological Association (WSA)* Annual Meeting. Madison, Wisconsin. October 21, 2016.
- 2016 **Econie, Alexis.** “Ideologies and Perceptions of Poverty in the United States.” *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting. Presented as part of the *ASA Honors Program*. Seattle, Washington. August 20-23, 2016.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Assistantships

- 2020 **Project Assistant** to Joel Rogers, [COWS](#); "Metro Moneyball for Cities"; "[State of Working Wisconsin in COVID-19](#)"; "[ProGov21 - Progressive Governance for the 21st Century](#)"
- 2018-19 **Research Assistant** to Jane Collins, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Civil Reproductive Rights in Virginia”
- 2016 **National Science Foundation REU Fellow**, “[LAKES](#): Linking Applied Knowledge in Environmental Sustainability”
- 2015-17 **Research Assistant** to Michael Dougherty, Illinois State University; “[Mining in Latin America: Critical Approaches to the New Extraction](#)” and “The Greening of Illegality”

Research Centers & Labs

- 2020- **Trash Lab Creator and Director**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Research Assistants: *Gretchen Trast, Kaylee Castleberry*
- 2020- **COWS Graduate Project Assistant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Research Assistants: *Pablo F Aquiles-Sanchez, Henry Hill-Gorman, Ada Inman*

2016-17 **Social Interaction Research Laboratory Co-Director** with Susan Sprecher, Illinois State University; “Computer Mediated Communication Effects on the Getting-Acquainted Process” and “Impacts of Perceived Similarity vs. Dissimilarity on Initial Encounters”

Survey Instruments Designed

2016 Red Cedar Watershed Landownership Survey (RCWLS). With Nels Paulson (Univ. Wisconsin-Stout) and Clare Salerno (Wellesley College).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistantships

2020 **Co-Instructor**, "Guided Research: Progressive Policy Analysis," COWS & Dept. of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Summer Semester

2020 **Instructor**, “Guided Research: Environment & Labor,” Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring Semester

2020 **Teaching Assistant**, “Ethnic Movements in the US,” Department of Sociology and Department of Asian American Studies, Univ. Wisconsin-Madison, Spring Semester

2019 **Teaching Assistant**, “American Society: How it Really Works,” Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall Semester

2016 **Teaching Assistant**, “Personal Relationships,” Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University, Fall Semester

2015 **Teaching Assistant**, “Sociological Inquiry,” Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University, Spring Semester

2014 **Teaching Assistant**, “People in Places: Understanding and Developing Community,” Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University, Fall Semester

Other Paid Teaching Experience

2019 **Reader/Grader**, “Environment, Natural Resources, and Society,” Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring semester

Guest Lectures

2020 **Guest Lecturer**, “Doing Sociology,” Illinois State University, September 29, 2020

Mentoring Experience

2019- **Graduate Student Mentor**, Sociology Graduate Mentoring Program, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (mentees and cohort year listed below)
 Madeline Brighthouse Glueck, 2020
 John Canfield Jr., 2019

2018- **Social Science Research Mentor**, Illinois Science and Technology Institute Mentoring Program (mentees and projects listed below)
 Alan Goodyear, 2019, “Convincing Citizens to take a More Active Role in Environmental Issues”

Jen Carmona, 2018, "The Influence of Social Media on the Political Polarization and Political Participation of Young Eligible Voters"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Department

- 2019-2020 **Undergraduate Curriculum Program Planning & Assessment Committee Member**, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019-2020 **Graduate Student Representative**, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 **Community & Environmental Sociology Brown Bag Co-Coordinator**, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2017-2020 **Invited Alumni Board Member**, Department of Sociology & Anthropology Alumni Board, Illinois State University

Department presentations and workshops developed/organized

- 2020 *Creating and Managing Undergraduate Research Teams*, workshop given (with Sara Frank) December 8, 2020 at UW-Madison
- 2019 *Conferences and Networking*, panel given (with Eric Grodsky) December 11, 2019 at UW-Madison
- 2019 *The Academic Elevator Pitch*, workshop given September 25, 2019 at UW-Madison
- 2019 *UW Sociology Visit Day: Community & Environmental Sociology*, talk given (with Greg D. Wilson) March 5, 2019 at UW-Madison
- 2019 *Creating and Personalizing your Academic Five-Year Plan*, workshop held Feb 5, 2019 at UW-Madison
- 2018-2019 *An Undergraduate's Guide to Grad School Applications*, workshops held Nov 7, 2018; March 6, 2019 at UW-Madison

Service to the University

- 2017-2020 **Alumni Board Member**, Illinois State University
- 2017-2018 **Past Recipient-Invited Selection Committee Member**, Robert G. Bone Scholarship Selection Committee, Illinois State University
- 2014-2015 **Elected Undergraduate Committee Member**, College of Arts and Sciences Council, Illinois State University

Service to the Discipline

- 2018-2021 **Editor**, Section on Environment and Technology newsletter, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
See Newsletters: [Fall 2018](#), [Spring 2019](#), [Fall 2019](#), [Summer 2020](#)

Community Service & Civic Engagement

- 2020 **Public Research Presentation**: Policy-based research presentation, "Food on the

Table, Workers at the Table,” given with [COWS](#), [SEIU](#), and [MASH](#) virtually to the public on September 3, 2020.

- 2018-2020 **Social Science Research Mentor**, Illinois Science & Technology Institute
- 2017-2018 **CAC AmeriCorps Member**: 1,652 hours of environmental service to East Tennessee
- 2017 **Public Research Presentation**: Policy-based research presentation, “The Politics of Water Quality,” given to members of the United States Congress in Washington, D.C. as part of the Council on Undergraduate Research’s annual Posters on the Hill. April 25-27, 2017.
- 2016 **Habitat for Humanity**: 75 hours of volunteer service to Winder, Georgia
- 2016 **Public Research Presentation**: Community action-based research presentation, “Red Cedar Watershed Land Tenure and Phosphorous Mitigation Analysis,” presented at NSF LAKES REU public forum in Menomonie, WI. August 3, 2016.

MEDIA

Popular Media by Alexis Econie

- 2020 Worker Profile Article Series for The 2020 State of Working Wisconsin
[Mariah Clark on Risks to Healthcare Workers](#) published on October 1, 2020
[Tom Kastle on the Entertainment Industry in COVID](#), published Oct. 1, 2020
[Lisa Gordon on Nursing Home Care Work](#), published on September 2, 2020
[Troy Brewer on old Inequalities under COVID](#), published on September 2, 2020
[Michael Chapple on Essential and Exposed Work](#), published June 30, 2020
[Demetricia Shipp on Accessing State Assistance](#), published June 30, 2020
[Anthony Steward on COVID Union Support](#), published July 14, 2020
- 2019 “Temporary Workers of the US Recycling Industry” article featured on Pam Oliver’s [Race, Politics, and Justice](#) blog. Published March 19, 2019.
- 2016 “Socializing for a Cleaner Watershed: Connectivity and BMP Lease Agreements.” Introduction and Part 1 of an 11-part featured article series printed in *The Chetek Alert* and published online at [Chippewa.com](#). Published August 22, 2016.

Popular Media featuring Alexis Econie and her work

- 2020 “Food on the Table, Workers at the Table.” Public [video conference](#) roundtable with Wisconsin-area labor organizations, COWS, and the public, September 3, 2020.
- 2020 "Graduate Student Spotlight." University of Wisconsin Sociology [Alumni Newsletter](#), published January 2020.
- 2018 “UW-Stout Red Cedar Basin Research: Soil, Water, Community.” [Executive Report](#) for Dunn County, Wisconsin published August 2018.
- 2017 “UT Hosts Sustainability Day, Promotes Environment-Friendly Organizations.” News article published October 19, 2017 in [The Daily Beacon](#).
- 2017 “UT Office of Sustainability Challenges Dorms, Promotes Sustainability.” News article published October 9, 2017 in [The Daily Beacon](#).
- 2017 “The Value of a Liberal Arts Education.” Video short presented to all incoming undergraduate students at Illinois State University annual Preview Weekend. [Video](#)

- featuring filmed and produced by the College of Arts & Sciences, April-June 2017.
- 2017 “Research about Red Cedar River Watershed Displayed at U.S Capital.” News article published May 8, 2017 on [UW-Stout News](#). Republished on June 9, 2017 as “News from around the UW System” on [University of Wisconsin System](#).
- 2017 “Robert G. Bone Scholars named for 2017-2018.” News article published June 1, 2017 in [Redbird Scholar](#).
- 2017 “Red Cedar Watershed to Benefit from NSF Grant for Student Research Program Housed at UW-Stout.” News article featuring published June 9, 2017 on [CVpost.org](#).
- 2017 “Research Conducted at UW-Stout Presented at U.S. Capitol.” News article published May 17, 2017 on [WisSystem.org](#).
- 2017 “Interview with a Bone Scholar.” Interview featuring Alexis published in [Signs & Symbols](#) in September 2017.
- 2017 “CAS Boasts Eight Bone Scholars.” News article published September 23, 2017 in [Redbird Scholar](#).
- 2016 “ISU Research Symposium to Showcase Student Work.” News article published March 29, 2016 in [Redbird Scholar](#).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2017-*present* Society for the Study of Social Problems (*SSSP*)
Divisions: Environment & Technology; Labor Studies
- 2017-2018 Council on Undergraduate Research (*CUR*)
- 2017- *present* Midwest Sociological Society (*MSS*)
- 2016-2017 Wisconsin Sociological Association (*WSA*)
- 2015-*present* American Sociological Association (*ASA*)
Sections: Environmental Sociology; Organizations, Occupations, & Work; Labor and Labor Movements

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Skills

Working knowledge of *Stata*, *SPSS*, *Qualtrics*, *Kumu*, *Canva*, *Audacity*, *Adobe InDesign*; Experience designing, creating, and managing a sociology research lab program for undergraduate assistants; Experience managing organization-level PR social media accounts

Certifications

Corporate Communications, May 2017, Illinois State University

Human Resources Management, May 2017, Illinois State University

Training Programs & Sessions

"Writing Across the Curriculum" Writing Pre-rec Instructor Training, Jan 13-15, 2020, UW-Madison
Sociology Department New Teaching Assist. Training Series, Sep-Dec 2019, UW-Madison.

Equity Workshop: College of Letters & Sciences, Aug 27-29, 2019. UW-Madison