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EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D. | Emory University, Anthropology
- 2014 M.A. | Emory University, Anthropology
- 2009 B.A. | Grinnell College, Anthropology, with Honors

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- Postdoctoral Fellow
Emory University, Department of Environmental Sciences
- 2019-21 President's Postdoctoral Scholar
The Ohio State University, School of Environment and Natural Resources
- Selected to join a cohort of ten scholars from an international pool of seventy applicants.
 - Program requires a faculty sponsor and research proposal; it aims to recruit “highly qualified postdoctoral trainees who will become leaders in their field.”

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Environmental and economic anthropology, political ecology, sustainable and local food systems, alternative economies, agricultural development, farmer livelihoods, qualitative research methods.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2021 **Rissing, A.** “We feed the world: The political ecology of the Corn Belt’s driving narrative.” *Journal of Political Ecology*. 28(1), 471-487.
<https://doi.org/10.2458/jpe.2959>
- 2020 **Rissing, A.,** Inwood, S. and Stengel, E. “The invisible labor and multidimensional impacts of negotiating childcare on farms.” *Agriculture and Human Values*. 38(2), 431-447. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-020-10162-1>
- 2019 **Rissing, A.** “Fences: boundaries, technologies, and making change.” *Journal for the Anthropology of North America*. 22(2):66-68. <https://doi.org/10.1002/nad.12106>

- 2019 **Rissing, A.** “Profitability vs. Making It: Causes and Consequences of Disembedding Beginning Farms’ Finances.” *Culture, Agriculture, Food & Environment*. 41(2):149-157. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cuag.12234>
- 2016 **Rissing, A.** “Alternative Economic Strategies and the Technology Treadmill: Beginning Vegetable Farmers in Iowa.” *Economic Anthropology*. 3:304-314. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sea2.12061>
- 2013 **Rissing, A.** “Iowan Women Farmers' Perspectives on Alternative Agriculture and Gender.” *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. 3(2): 127-136. <https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2013.032.008>

Editor Reviewed Articles

- 2021 Inwood, S. **Rissing, A.** and Becot, F. “[Family farms are struggling with two hidden challenges: health insurance and child care.](#)” *The Conversation*. May 11, 2021.
- 2021 King, H., **Rissing, A.** and Chuvileva, Y. “[People of the Bean.](#)” *Anthropology News*. January 8, 2021.
- 2020 Chuvileva, Y., **Rissing, A.**, and King, H. “From Wet Markets to Wal-Marts: Tracing Alimentary Xenophobia in the Time of COVID-19.” *Social Anthropology*. 28(2):241-243. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1469-8676.12840>
- 2017 **Rissing, A.** “Flipping the Field: Who’s Asking the Questions Here?” *Anthropology News*. December 18 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1111/AN.720>
- 2017 **Rissing, A.** “Beyond Profit and Loss: Anthropological Reflections on Beginning Farms’ Longevity.” *The Practical Farmer*. Spring 2017:18-19.

Book Chapters

- 2016 Maxfield, A. and **Rissing, A.** “Of Bananas and Cavemen: Unlikely Similarities Between Two Online Food Communities.” In *Food Cults: How Fads, Dogma, and Doctrine Influence Diet*. Ed. Kima Cargill. Rowman & Littlefield.

Book Reviews

- 2021 **Rissing, A.** and Kawa, N. “Porkopolis: A Conversation.” Review of “Porkopolis: American Animality, Standardized Life, and the Factory Farm” by Alex Blanchette. *Culture, Agriculture, Food & Environment*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cuag.12262>
- 2015 **Rissing, A.** Review of “Been Coming Through Some Hard Times: Race, History, and Memory in Western Kentucky” by Jack Glazier. *Culture, Agriculture, Food & Environment*. 37(1):47-48. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cuag.12047>

Manuscripts in Progress

Forthcoming. King, H. and **Rissing, A.** “Where should food come from?” Invited chapter for *People Before Markets: An alternative case book*. Cambridge UP.

In prep. **Rissing, A.** Jackson-Smith, D., Inwood, S., and Woods, T. “Stress, Satisfaction, and Optimism: Affective differences on organic and conventional farms.” For submission to *Rural Sociology*.

In prep. **Rissing, A.** “Making Do: New Farmers Finding Sustainability on America’s Most Altered Landscape.” Book manuscript.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The College of Wooster

2020 Instructor: Environmental Studies 11000—Environment and Society.

Emory University

2018 Instructor: Interdisciplinary Studies 190—Freshman Seminar.

2017 Instructor: Interdisciplinary Studies 190—Freshman Seminar.

2017 Instructor: Anthropology 280—Anthropological Perspectives on North America.

2015 Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 205—Foundations of Global Health.

2014 Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 250—Fast Food/Slow Food.

2014 Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 101—Introduction to Anthropology.

Additional Teaching Experience

2016- Guest lectures delivered in undergraduate anthropology classes at University of Southern California (2021), Clark Atlanta University (2019), Emory University (2019), Agnes Scott College (2018, 2017), and Grinnell College (2016).

2012 K-12 reading and math tutor, Tutoring Club, Columbus, OH.

2008 English teacher, IES Abroad, Vienna, Austria.

2005-07 ESL Tutor, Lutheran Services in Iowa, Des Moines, IA.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FUNDING

External Grants and Fellowships

2015 Wenner-Gren Foundation, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (\$18,733).

2015 USDA North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education, Graduate Student Grant (\$9,855).

2014 Society for Economic Anthropology, Halperin Memorial Research Award (\$1,500).

2014-19 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship.

Internal Grants and Fellowships

- 2018-19 Writing Program Top-Off Fellowship, Emory University (\$5,000).
2017-18 On Recent Discoveries by Emory Researchers Interdisciplinary Teaching Fellowship, Emory University (\$5,000).
2017 Evidence-Based Course Mini-Grant, Emory University QEP (\$425).
2017 Piedmont Teaching Sustainability Fellowship, Emory University (\$500).
2014 Sustainability Incentives Fund Research Award (with Ioulia Fenton), Office of Sustainability Initiatives, Emory University (\$1,800).
2012 Graduate Fellowship, James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies, Emory University.
2008 Mentored Advanced Project Student Research Grant, Grinnell College.
2005-09 Trustee Honor Scholarship, Grinnell College.

Awards

- 2019 George Armelagos Award for Excellence in Teaching, Dept. of Anthropology, Emory University.
2019 Presenter Scholarship, Community Food Systems Conference.
2019 Graduate Student Travel Award, Rural Sociological Society.
2018 Conference Travel Full Scholarship, USDA NCR-SARE.
2017 Robert M. Netting Student Paper Prize, Culture & Agriculture AAA Section.
2009 Ralph Luebben Award in Anthropology, Grinnell College.
2008 Phi Beta Kappa.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences Organized

- 2021 Co-chair and co-organizer. [“Landscapes of Value/Economies of Place.”](#) Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meeting, co-sponsored with Culture and Agriculture section of the American Anthropological Association.

Panels Organized

- 2019 “It’s Time to Get Personal: How farm households shape farm operations and persistence.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. Arlington, VA.
2017 “Cultivating Life and Livelihood at the Limits of Late Industrialism.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
2016 “Economic and Environmental Negotiations in Contemporary U.S. Agriculture.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Papers Presented

- 2021 “The Affect of Agriculture: Towards a More Holistic Understanding of the Organic Sector.” Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society & Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Conference. Virtual Conference.
- 2019 “I’m not land-tied: Understanding new farmers’ livelihood precarity through tenancy.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Vancouver, BC.
- 2019 “This is my job, she has her job: Negotiating Labor and Marriage on Beginning Farms.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. Arlington, VA.
- 2019 “Growing Where They’re Planted: Alternative Farmers on Conventional Farms.” Society for the Anthropology of North America & Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2018 “What Does It Mean to Feed the World? The Landscape Effects of an Industrial Narrative.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. San Jose, CA.
- 2018 “We Feed the World: Industrial Discourses and Iowa's Agroecological Farms.” Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society & Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Conference. Madison, WI.
- 2017 “Imagining Post-Industrial Iowa: Emergent Agrarian Livelihoods in the Corn Belt.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “Profitability vs. Making it: Beginning Farmers’ Longevity in the Midwest.” Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society & Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2017 “Loving the Work Isn’t Enough: New Farmers Deciding to Quit in the Midwest.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference. Santa Fe, NM.
- 2016 “Entrepreneurial Visions and Stewardship in Iowa Agriculture.” American Anthropological Association Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2016 “Conversation and Confrontation in Iowa Agriculture.” Central States Anthropology Society Annual Conference. Kansas City, MO.
- 2015 “Intergenerational Relationships and Agricultural Legitimacy Among Beginning Alternative Farmers in Iowa.” Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society & Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Conference. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 2015 “Opting Out of the Technology Treadmill: Economic Strategies of Beginning Alternative Farmers in Iowa.” Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Conference. Lexington, KY.
- 2009 “Gender’s Influence in Alternative Agriculture: Women Farmers’ Perspectives.” Central States Anthropology Society Annual Conference. Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Additional Conference Activity

- 2019 *Poster.* “What makes a ‘real’ Iowa farmer? Blurred boundaries, Financial Metrics, and Agricultural Wealth.” Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Conference. Orlando, FL.
- 2018 *Roundtable participant.* “Day-to-Day Food Sovereignty: Ethnographic Accounts of Connecting Food Pasts and Imagined Futures.” National Women Studies Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 *Poster.* “Why Do They Quit? Identifying Key Determinants of Beginning Farmers’ Decisions.” USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education “Our Farms, Our Future” Conference. St. Louis, MO.
- 2018 *Lightning talk.* “Why Do They Quit?” USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education “Our Farms, Our Future” Conference. St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 *Lightning talk.* “Iowan Women Farmers and the Local Foods Movement.” Student Activism Showcase, Tallgrass Prairie Bioneers Conference. Grinnell, IA.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Beyond Industrialization: Anthropology and the Drivers of Agricultural Change.” Public lecture. Ames Public Library. Ames, IA.
- 2021 “Agrarian Transformation on the Corn Belt.” Research Seminar. Initiative for Food and AgriCultural Transformation. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.
- 2021 “Beyond Illustrations: Which Visual Format to Communicate Science?” Panel Talk. In Between: Collaborations between the arts and sciences. RIVA Community Online Event.
- 2020 “Good, Clean, and Fair: Slow Food for All?” Panel talk. OSU Anthropology Public Outreach and Slow Food Columbus. Columbus, OH.
- 2020 “Agri-cultures across the Corn Belt.” Brown bag talk. Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association. Columbus, OH.
- 2019 “Small Farms and Big Ag: Using anthropology to understand American agricultures.” Symposium talk. *Peggy Barlett: Educator, Researcher, and Engaged Scholar.* Emory University. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 “Anthropological Fieldwork and Iowa Agriculture.” Department seminar. Department of Sociology, Iowa State University. Ames, IA.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP & COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Presenter. “The 2020 Ohio Farm Poll: Taking the Pulse of Ohio Farmers.”
- Webinar disseminating results of statewide survey of Ohio farmers. Focus on recommendations for decision-makers. Hosted by OSU Knowledge Exchange.
- 2020 Presenter. “Long-term Trends and Highlights from the 2020 Ohio Farm Poll.”

- Four presentations between Sept. and Dec. 2020. ~20 attendees/presentation.
 - Distilled results of statewide survey of Ohio farms into accessible, relevant virtual presentations for Extension, non-profit organization, and educational audiences.
- 2020 Workshop co-leader. “What do we mean when we say local? Unpacking Food System Values.” Georgia Organics Conference. Athens, GA.
- 2020 Workshop co-leader. “Childcare on Farms.” Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association Conference. Dayton, OH.
- 2019 Workshop co-leader. “Rethinking the 'Economics' of Direct-Market Agriculture.” Community Food Systems Conference. Savannah, GA.
- 2019 Presenter and session leader. Heartland Farm Beginnings holistic training. Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association. Columbus, OH.
- 2018- Pro bono consulting on beginning farmer issues, Center for Rural Affairs, Lyons, NE.
- 2008-09 President and Founder, Grinnell College Food Preservation Club, Grinnell, IA.

SERVICE

Professional Service

- 2020- Board Member, Society for Economic Anthropology.
- 2019 Culture and Agriculture student paper prize selection committee.
- 2019 Workshop coordinator, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education “Sustainability Across the Curriculum.” June 3-4, Atlanta, GA.

Peer Reviewer *Agriculture and Human Values* (2021), *Exertions* (2021), *Journal of Rural Studies* (2020), *Human Organization* (2020), *SAGE Handbook for Cultural Anthropology* (2020), *Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment* (2019), *Economic Anthropology* (2019).

University and Departmental Service

Emory University

- 2018-19 Coordinator, Piedmont Project Workshop for faculty and graduate students on sustainability pedagogy.
- 2016-17 Graduate Concerns Committee, Department of Anthropology.
- 2014-15 Food Studies Multi-Disciplinary Academic Learning Community.
- 2013-15 Co-founder and Secretary, Graduate Sustainability Group.
- 2014-15 Co-founder, Anthropology Graduate Student Association.
- 2013-15 Co-founder, Anthropology Sustainability Committee.
- 2012-14 Coordinator, Piedmont TATTO Workshop for graduate students on sustainability pedagogy.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- 2021 “Linking Childcare to Farm Children Safety.” Qualitative research on tri-state project in collaboration with the National Farm Medicine Center.
- 2020 “2020 Ohio Farm Poll.” Statewide survey on the diverse impacts of 2019’s weather and trade conditions. Wooster, OH.
- 2015 “Agrarian Transformation in the Age of Corporate Agriculture: Beginning Farmers in Iowa.” 14-month doctoral dissertation research project. Ames, IA.
- 2014 “Mapping Emory’s Graduate Sustainability Social Network.” With Ioulia Fenton. Atlanta, GA.
- 2014 “Beginning Farmers’ Success in Rural Iowa.” Nine-week ethnographic pilot study. Ames, IA.
- 2013 National Science Foundation Summer Institute for Research Design, Duke University.
- 2011 “Family farmers’ agroecological understandings and practices.” Three months of ethnographic research. New Zealand.
- 2008 “Women Farmers, Food, and Community.” Independent undergraduate research. Grinnell, IA.

INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2021 Interviewed for Farm and Dairy news article. “[Beginning farmers and burnout: Knowing when to say when.](#)”
- 2021 Interviewed for “[Our Ohio Weekly](#),” radio show of the Ohio Farm Bureau.
- 2021 Interviewed for Mindful Farmers Podcast. “[Farmer Social Support.](#)”
- 2020 Interviewed for Agrichats, podcast of the Culture & Agriculture section of the American Anthropological Association. “Local Foods.”
- 2018 Interviewed for Anthropology News Website. “[Sustaining Agrarian Futures.](#)”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society.

American Anthropological Association.

Section Memberships: Anthropology & Environment; Culture and Agriculture; Society for the Anthropology of Work; Society for Economic Anthropology.

Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences.

Rural Sociological Society.