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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018 – Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, CSU Fresno.
2013 – 2018 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Marist College.
2009 – 2013 Graduate Teaching Fellow, Brooklyn College.
2008 – 2009 Graduate Teaching Fellow, Hunter College.
2004 – 2006 Graduate Teaching Assistant, San Diego State University.

EDUCATION

- 2013 PhD, Sociology, The Graduate Center - The City University of New York.
 Dissertation: "Growing Just Foodscapes: A Case Study of East New York Farms!"
 Committee: Kenneth Gould (Chair), Janet Poppendieck, Carolina Bank-Muñoz, Hester
 Eisenstein, Michael Menser.
 Comprehensive Exams: Environmental Sociology, Work & Labor, Urban Sociology.
- 2006 MA, Sociology, San Diego State University.
2003 BA, Sociology, Sonoma State University.
2001 AA, General Education, Santa Rosa Junior College.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Environmental Sociology, Sociology of Food & Agriculture, Environmental Justice & Food Justice, Social Inequality, Social Movements, Work & Labor, Urban Sociology, Critical Theory.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CSU FRESNO (2018 - Present, Assistant Professor)

- SOC 150T: The Sociology of Food
SOC 151: Social Classes and Inequality
SOC 153: Contemporary Sociological Theory

Marist College (2013 – 2018, Assistant Professor)

- FYS 101: The Politics of Food

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SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology

SOC 341: Social Change

SOC 336: Social Inequality

SOC 391: Linking People, Place, and Space

SOC 393: The Sociology of Food

SOC 440: Social Theory

Brooklyn College (2009-2013, Graduate Teaching Fellow)

CORC 1230: People Power Politics

CORC 1230: People Power Politics (Environmental Learning Community)

SOCY 1101: Introduction to Sociology

SOCY 2500: Social Problems

SUST 1001: Introduction to Urban Sustainability [Co-taught]

SUST 2001: Urban Sustainability Theory [Co-taught]

Hunter College (2008-2009, Graduate Teaching Fellow)

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology

SOC 218: Social Inequality

SOC 213: Political Sociology

San Diego State University (2004-2006, Teaching Assistant)

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

** All co-authored journal articles are equal co-authorship*

Sbicca, Joshua and Justin Sean Myers. 2017. "Food Justice Racial Projects: Fighting Racial Neoliberalism from the Bay to the Big Apple." *Environmental Sociology* 3(1): 30-41.

Myers, Justin Sean and Christine C. Caruso. 2016. "Towards a Public Food Infrastructure: Closing the Food Gap through State Owned Grocery Stores." *Geoforum* 72: 30-33.

Myers, Justin Sean and Joshua Sbicca. 2015. "Bridging Good Food and Good Jobs: From Secession to Confrontation within Alternative Food Movement Politics." *Geoforum* 61: 17-26.

Myers, Justin Sean. 2013. "The Logic of the Gift: The Possibilities and Limitations of Carlo Petrini's Slow Food Alternative." *Agriculture & Human Values* 30(3): 405-415.

Book Chapters

Myers, Justin Sean. Forthcoming. "Food and Hunger." In *Twenty Lessons in Food and Agriculture*, edited by Jason Konefal and Maki Hatanaka. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

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- Myers, Justin Sean. 2018. "The CUNY Open Admissions Strike, 1969." Pp. 191-199 in *Revolting New York*, edited by Neil Smith and Don Mitchell. Athens GA: University of Georgia Press .
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2018. "Neoliberalism, Debt, and Class Power." Pp. 337-352 in *Class: The Anthology*, edited by Michael Roberts and Stanley Aronowitz. New York, NY: Wiley-Blackwell.

Book Chapter Inset Boxes

- Myers, Justin Sean. 2017. "Food for Thought" chapter inset boxes. In *Ten Lessons in Introductory Sociology*, second edition, edited by Kenneth A. Gould and Tammy L. Lewis. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2013. "Food for Thought" chapter inset boxes. In *Ten Lessons in Introductory Sociology*, first edition, edited by Kenneth A. Gould and Tammy L. Lewis. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Other Published Material

- Myers, Justin Sean. 2014. "Instructors' Resource Guide." For *Twenty Lessons in Environmental Sociology*, second Edition, edited by Kenneth A. Gould and Tammy L. Lewis. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2011. Introduction to "Who Owns America?: Minority Land and Community Security" by Winona LaDuke. Pp. 417-419 in *People, Power, Politics*, eleventh edition, edited by Alfonso Gaston. Boston, MA: Pearson Custom Publishing.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2011. "Ecofeminism/Ecological Feminism." In *Green Ethics and Philosophy*, edited by Julie Newman. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
- Myers, Justin Sean and Tristan Quinn-Thibodeau. 2009. "Repeasantization: The Geographical Imaginary for a Post-Industrial Future." *Canon Magazine*. New York, NY: New School for Social Research.

Books Under Contract

- Myers, Justin Sean. *Beyond Access: Food Justice and Urban Agriculture in Brooklyn*. Rutgers University Press.

Journal Articles Under Review

- Myers, Justin Sean. "Beyond the Access Trap: From Distributive to Procedural Justice in Food Systems Planning." *Journal of Planning Education & Research*. Revise & Resubmit.
- Aptekar, Sofya and Justin Sean Myers. "The Tale of Two Gardens: Reproducing and Contesting Social Inequities Through Urban Agriculture." *Qualitative Sociology*. Under Review.

Journal Articles In Preparation

- Myers, Justin Sean and Christine C. Caruso. "Participatory Budgeting and Inequitable Food Access: Making the Case for People-Centered Governance for Building Just Food Systems."
- Myers, Justin Sean. "Gentrification, White Anxiety, and the Political Shift from Food Deserts to Food Apartheid: Reflections from a Millennial Food Justice Scholar."
- Lal, Prita and Justin Sean Myers. "We Do Not Need Elites to Save Us: Self-Mobilization, Political

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Opportunity, and the Community Gardening Movement in New York City.”

Book Chapter in Preparation

Myers, Justin Sean, Prita Lal, and Sofya Aptekar. “Community Gardens and Gentrification in New York City: An Uneven, Incomplete, and Contested Process.” In *Back to the City: Food and Gentrification in North America*, edited by Alison Hope Alkon, Yuki Kato, and Joshua Sbicca.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

- Myers, Justin Sean. 2017. “Beyond the Access Trap: From Distributive to Procedural Justice in Food Systems Planning.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2017. “Living in the Neoliberal City: Gardening as an Everyday Act of Resistance.” Annual Meeting of the American Association Geographers, Boston, MA.
- Caruso, Christine C. and Justin Sean Myers. 2017. “Food Justice and Participatory Budgeting: Making the Case for People-Centered Planning for Social Justice and Food Systems Change.” Annual Meeting of the American Association Geographers, Boston, MA.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2016. “We are Not Weeds!: Planned Shrinkage, Broken Windows, and Gentrification in the Community Gardens of East New York.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- Myers, Justin Sean and Christine C. Caruso. 2015. “Towards a Public Food Infrastructure: Alternative Strategies for Closing the Grocery Store Gap.” Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2014. “The Limits of Food Justice: Tensions Between Philanthropic Dependency, Market Dependency, and Movements for Social Change.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.
- Myers, Justin Sean and Christine C. Caruso. 2014. “Beyond Food Deserts: Towards the Actually Existing Food Environments of Queens and Brooklyn.” Annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, Burlington, VT.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2014. “Invisible Food Economies in the Community Gardens of East New York, Brooklyn.” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2013. “Wal-Mart and Michelle Obama: Recuperating the Food Justice Movement through the Discourse of Food Deserts.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2013. “East New York Farms!: Food Justice as a Culture of Resistance.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Los Angeles, CA.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2011. “Local Food: Marginalization, Social Reproduction, and the Politics of Work.” Historical Materialism Conference, New York, NY.

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- Myers, Justin Sean. 2011. "Waged Debt-Peonage: Mortgage Debt, Deproletarianization and the United States, 1970s through Today." Historical Materialism Conference, New York, NY.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2011. "Local Food: Marginalization, Social Reproduction and the Politics of Work." CUNY English Student Association Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference, New York, NY.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2011. "CUNY & Social Struggle: From Keynesian University to Neoliberal University." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington, D.C.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2010. "Repeasantization: The Geographical Imaginary for a Post-Industrial Future." Annual Nature Ecology Society Colloquium, New York, NY.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2010. "The Neoliberalization of Everyday Life: Debt and Home Ownership." Presenter, January 2010, Historical Materialism Conference, New York, NY.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2009. "CUNY Student Activism (2008-2009): Another CUNY is Possible." Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Las Vegas, NV.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2009. "Ecology and the Politics of Desire: The Subjective Turn." Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.

Invited Lectures

- Myers, Justin Sean. 2017. "Sociology & Sexuality Studies." Introduction to Women's Studies, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 20.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2017. "Food Deserts & Food Justice." The Sociology of Food, SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY, March 16.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2016. "Food Deserts & Food Justice." The Sociology of Food, SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz, NY, March 8.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2015. "Ecofeminism." Global Strategies to Protect Unique Local Places Conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, November 12.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2015. "Food Justice." Marist Honor's Program Talk with Faculty, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, October 5.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2015. "Sociology and Women's Studies," 20th Anniversary of Women's Studies at Marist, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, March 4.
- Myers, Justin Sean. 2014. "The Food Justice Movement." Sustainability Today for a Brighter Tomorrow Conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, February 24.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND RESEARCH GRANTS

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| 2017 | Travel Award, Marist College (\$1,513 & \$1,526). |
| 2016 | Travel Award, Marist College (\$1,217). |
| 2015 – 2016 | Faculty Fellow, the Center for Civic Engagement & Leadership, Marist College (\$2,000). |
| 2014 – 2015 | Faculty Fellow, First Year Seminar Program, Marist College (\$2,000) |
| 2015 | Travel Award, Marist College, (\$1,115). |

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- 2014 Travel Award, Marist College (\$1,245).
 2013 Travel Award, CUNY – Graduate Center (\$500).
 2010 Summer Research Grant, CUNY – Graduate Center (\$600).
 2010 Travel Award, CUNY – Graduate Center (\$500).
 2008 – 2010 Graduate Teaching Fellowship, CUNY – Graduate Center (\$57,000).

ADVISING

Undergraduate Honors Project Advisor

- 2017 – 2018 Maggie Lyman, Social Work, “Sexual Assault at College.”
 2015 – 2016 Shannon McCormack, Psychology, “The Buried Life.”
 2014 – 2015 Siobhan Pokorney, Social Work, “Food Security and Community Gardens.”

SERVICE

Academic Press Referee

- Oxford University Press* (2015)
University of California Press (2014)

Journal Referee

- Urban Science* (2018)
Agriculture & Human Values (2016)
Rural Sociology (2016)
Local Environment (2016)
Geoforum (2015, 2016)
International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (2015)

Professional Memberships

- American Sociological Association
 Section on Environmental Sociology
 Section on Collective Behavior & Social Movements
 American Association of Geographers
 Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group
 Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society

Professional Service

- 2017 Table Presider for Environment and Technology Section “Food Justice” referred roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, QC.
 2017 Co-organizer of paper sessions “Food Justice in the Changing City” for the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

Marist College Service

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- 2015 – 2018 Co-advisor, Students Encouraging Environmental Dedication (SEED).
- 2015 – 2018 Member, The Climate Change Working Group.
- 2015 – 2018 Member, The Center for Ethics Steering Committee.
- 2015 – 2018 Member, Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Steering Committee.
- 2014 – 2018 Member, The Center for Civic Engagement & Leadership (CCEL) Steering Committee.
- 2013 – 2018 Member, Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee (CSAC).
- 2017 Member, The Marist Center for Social Justice Research (MCSJR)
- 2016 – 2017 Chair of the Sociology & Social Work Department Webpage Redesign Committee.
- 2016 Member, Search Committee for Assistant Dean, School of Social & Behavioral Sciences
- 2016 Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Social Work, Department of Sociology & Social Work
- 2016 Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Social Work & Coordinator of Field Education, Department of Sociology & Social Work
- 2015 Co-organizer, Global Strategies to Protect Unique Local Places Conference.
- 2014 Co-Organizer, Sustainable Communities: From Marist to the World Conference.
- 2014 Presider and Discussant, “Sustainable Initiatives Across the World,” Sustainability Today for a Brighter Tomorrow Conference
- 2014 Co-Organizer, Sustainability Today for a Brighter Tomorrow Conference.

CUNY Service

- 2011 Participant, Writing Across the Curriculum Workshop, Brooklyn College.
- 2009 – 2011 Participant, Learning Community Workshop, Brooklyn College.
- 2009 – 2011 Co-Chair, Sociology Colloquium Committee, CUNY – Graduate Center.
- 2009 Co-Organizer, Sociological Reimagination: Crisis and Critique Today Conference, CUNY – Graduate Center.
- 2008 Co-Organizer, CUNY Social Forum Conference, CUNY – Graduate Center.
- 2008 Co-Organizer, CUNY Student Union (GC Chapter), CUNY – Graduate Center.

SDSU Service

- 2005 – 2006 Co-Chair, The Social Science Research Association.
- 2004 – 2006 Co-Chair, The Sociology Symposium Committee.

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Public/Community Service

- 2014 – 2018 Member, New Paltz Bike and Pedestrian Committee, New Paltz, NY.
- 2011 – 2016 Volunteer, East New York Farms!, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2015 Panelist, “When the Work Dries Up: The Dispossessed Go West,” Poughkeepsie Big Read on *The Grapes of Wrath*, Poughkeepsie, NY.
- 2014 – 2016 Volunteer, Poughkeepsie Plenty Food Coalition, Poughkeepsie, NY.
- 2014 – 2015 Member, Food Policy Working Group, Poughkeepsie Plenty Food Coalition, Poughkeepsie, NY.
- 2014 – 2015 Volunteer, The Kingston YMCA Farm Project, Kingston, NY.
- 2013 Workshop facilitator, “Food Networks and Food Justice,” East New York Farms!, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2012 – 2013 Member, Hands and Heart Garden, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2011 Volunteer, Brooklyn College vermiculture project.