

**LOKA ASHWOOD**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

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- 2015      Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2009      M.Litt., Geography, National University of Ireland, Galway. First Class Honors.
- 2007      B.S., Journalism and Political Science, Northwestern University.

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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- 2015 -      Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology,  
Auburn University.

**HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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External

- 2015      Best Paper Award. *Rural Sociology*, **L. Ashwood**, N. Harden, M. Bell, and W. Bland.  
University of California-Davis Chancellor Postdoctoral Fellowship. Declined.  
United States Department of Agriculture. National Institute for Food and  
Agriculture Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant. \$146,910. Declined.
- 2014      Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship.
- 2011      Philanthropic Educational Organization Scholar Award, \$15,000.  
Co-Winner of Society for Agriculture, Human Values, and Society (AHVS)  
Graduate Student Paper Competition: Harden, N. and **L. Ashwood**.  
Co-Winner of International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources  
Doctoral Student Paper Competition: Harden, N. and **L. Ashwood**.
- 2009      Winner of 2009 European Society for Rural Sociology Fred Buttel Award: Best  
graduate student paper.

## Internal

- 2014 University of Wisconsin-Madison's College of Letters and Science Early Teaching Excellence Award.
- 2014 Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship.  
Raymond J. Penn Scholarship for Research in Development, Resource Conservation, and Environmental Conservation.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

- Forthcoming **Ashwood, L.** (Spring 2018). *For-Profit Democracy: Why the Government is Losing the Trust of Rural America*. Yale University Press.
- 2016 Bell, M. M. and **L. Ashwood**. *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Thousand Oaks, California: Pine Forge Press.

### Special Issue Editor/Introduction

- 2016 *Journal of Rural Studies*, Special Issue "Rural as a Dimension of Environmental Injustice." Volume 76 A. Co-editor with Kate MacTavish.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** and Kate MacTavish. 2016. "Tyranny of the Majority and Rural Environmental Injustice." *Journal of Rural Studies* 74(A): 271-277.

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2017 **Ashwood, L.** and M.M. Bell. "Affect and Taste: Bourdieu, Traditional Music, and the Performance of Possibilities." *Sociologia Ruralis* 57(S1): 622-640.
- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** and Steve Wing. "Exposure and Compensation for Nuclear Weapons Workers." *New Solutions* 26(1):55-71.
- 2014 **Ashwood, L.**, N. Harden, M. M. Bell, and W. Bland. "Linked and Situated: Grounded Knowledge." *Rural Sociology* 79(4):427-452.
- *Rural Sociology* Best Paper Award
  - Lead Article.
- 2014 **Ashwood, L.**, D. Diamond, and K. Thu. "Where's the Farmer? Limiting Liability in Midwest Industrial Hog Production." *Rural Sociology* 79(1):2-27.

- Lead Article.

- 2013 Harden, N., **L. Ashwood**, M. M. Bell, and W. Bland. “For the Public Good: Weaving a Multifunctional Landscape in the Cornbelt.” *Agriculture and Human Values* 30(4):525-537.
- Early Version Winner of 2009 Agriculture, Human Values, and Society Graduate Student Paper Competition.
  - Early Version Winner of 2009 International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources Doctoral Student Paper Competition.

#### Book Chapters

- 2016 **Ashwood, L.** and M.M. Bell. “The Rural-Agriculture Power Play.” Pp. 650-660 in *The International Handbook of Rural Studies*. Eds., D. Brown and M. Shucksmith. UK: Francis and Taylor.

- 2011 **Ashwood, L.** and J. Liu. Student Resource Section and Case Studies for Michael M. Bell’s 2013 textbook edition, *An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*.

- 2010 **Ashwood, L.** “Without Categories and Classifications: ‘Rural’ as a Social Expression.” Pp. 113-124 in *From Community to Consumption: New and Classical Themes in Rural Sociological Research*. Rural Sociology and Development Series. Eds., A. Bonanno, H. Bakker, R. Jussaume, Y. Kawamura and M. Shucksmith. Bingley. UK: Emerald Publishing.
- Winner of 2009 European Society for Rural Sociology Fred Buttel Award: Best graduate student paper.

#### Book Review

- 2012 **Ashwood, L.** “Daniel Imhoff: The CAFO Reader: The Tragedy of Industrial Animal Factories.” *Agriculture and Human Values*, 29: 427-428.

#### Policy Report

- 2011 **Ashwood, L.**, N. Harden, M. Bell, and W. Bland. *The Green Action Plan: Real Problems, Real Solutions*. Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs and UW-Madison. [http://www.value-added.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Real\\_Problems\\_Real\\_Answers\\_The\\_Green\\_Action\\_Plan.pdf](http://www.value-added.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Real_Problems_Real_Answers_The_Green_Action_Plan.pdf)

## **GRANTS**

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#### External

- 2017 Ashwood, PI. “Rural Protest that Works: The Tenets of Emancipatory Politics.”

Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative. International Institute of Social Studies in The Hague, Netherlands. \$2,500. (5.6% of proposals funded).

- 2017 Co-PI with PI Madeleine Fairbairn and Co-PI Kathryn DeMaster. “The Financialization of U.S. Farmland: The Effects of Changing Landownership on Small and Mid-Sized farms.” USDA NIFA. \$149,920.
- 2016 Co-PI with PI Deacue Fields and Co-PI Ruiqing Miao. “Establishing and Promoting Regional and Farm-Specific Brands for Specialty Crops in Alabama,” Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industry. \$25,000.
- 2013 Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Research Grant, \$2,500.
- 2010 Co-PI with PI Michael M. Bell: Landscape Agroecology – Linking Socio-Environmental Action for Multifunctionality. Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs. \$65,681.

Internal

- 2016 Auburn University College of Agriculture. Agricultural Research Enhancement, Exploration and Development Grant. “A Socio-Historical Analysis of Right-to-Farm and Preservation Laws in Alabama and the Nation.” \$50,000.
- 2015 Vilas Conference Presentation Award. \$600. Declined.
- 2010-2014 Crowe Travel Scholarship: Awarded travel scholarship from Dept. of Community and Environmental Sociology’s Crowe Scholarship Committee, \$2,100.
- 2013-2014 Department of Sociology, UW-Madison Small Research Grant, \$100; Travel Fund, \$350.
- 2012 Center for Culture History and the Environment Research Grant, \$2,000.  
Holtz Center for Science and Technology Studies Research Travel Grant, \$1,000.
- 2008 Arts Faculty Travel Bursary: Awarded bursary from NUIG, €700 (\$940).  
Social Science Research Centre Grant: Awarded funds based on outstanding qualification, and opportunity at NUIG, €700 (\$940).  
Dean of Arts and Sciences Bursary, €700 (\$940).
- 2006 Northwestern University Undergraduate Research Grant: Researched influences of Common Agricultural Policy in Co. Galway, Ireland, \$2,000.

## **TEACHING**

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### Lecturer

- 2017 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, Qualitative Research Methods, Summer.
- 2016, 2017 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, Community Organization, Spring.
- 2016, 2017 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, Political Economy of Development.
- 2016 Auburn University, Rural Sociology, American Political Thought and Neoliberalism, Spring.
- 2015 UW-Madison, Sociology, *Classical Sociological Theory*, Fall.
- 2013 UW-Madison, Sociology, *Classical Sociological Theory*, Fall.

### Teaching Assistant

- 2014 UW-Madison Community and Environmental Sociology, *Nature, Faith and Community*, Fall.
- 2012 UW-Madison Sociology, *Racial and Ethnic Minorities*, Fall.
- 2011 UW-Madison Sociology, *Race and Ethnic Movements*, Fall.
- 2008 NUIG Geography, *Methods in Physical Geography*, Spring.  
NUIG Political Science and Sociology, *Methods of Sociology and Political Science*, SPSS Lab Instructor, Spring.

### Other

- 2008 NUIG Geography, *Fieldtrip on Geographies of Rural Development*; and fieldtrip on *Environment and Landforms*, Spring and Fall.
- 2007 NUIG Geography, Lab Assistant, Galway, Ireland, *Biogeography*, Fall.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### Invited

- 2017 Ashwood, L. "For-Profit Democracy: The Rise of Environmental Injustices, and the Decline of Governmental Authority in Rural America." November 6<sup>th</sup>. Santa Cruz Environmental Studies Seminar Series. Santa Cruz, CA.

- 2016 Ashwood, L. Socially Responsible Agricultural Project. September 11<sup>th</sup>. “Right-to-Farm Laws.” Invited panel on factory farms. Green Bay, WI.  
 Ashwood, L. International Rural Sociological Association. August 12<sup>th</sup>. Invited to panel on “The Justice of Agroecology: Practice and Politics.” Toronto, Canada.  
 Ashwood, L. Law and Society. June 2<sup>nd</sup>. “The Moral Economy of Democracy: And the Decline of the People’s Right to Private Property.” Invited session on Redress. New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 Ashwood, L. Rural Sociological Society. August 8. “Pulling the Liberalism from the Neo: The Moral Economy of Private Property.” Madison, WI.
- 2014 Ashwood, L. American Sociological Association. Section on Sociology of Law Invited Session. Law, Ethics, Policy and Manners in the Surveillance Society. August 19. “Nuclear Surveillance in a Corporate-State.” San Francisco, California.  
 Ashwood, L. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences. June 12. “Integrating Multifunctional Landscape Design into Agricultural Policy.” New York, New York.  
 Ashwood, L. Unitarian Universalist Church. April 27. “Cracks in the Nuclear State: Rebellion and Resistance in the Georgia Countryside.” Macomb, IL.
- 2013 Ashwood, L. and F. Iutzi. Western Illinois University. Sustainability Brown Baggers Series. March 5. “Grounded Knowledge: Using a Participatory Process to Address Environmental Problems in the Spring Lake Watershed.” Macomb, IL.
- 2012 Ashwood, L. Holtz Center for Science and Technology. December 13. “Land for the Taking: Oppression and Resistance in the Georgia Countryside.” Madison, WI.
- 2009 Ashwood, L. Western Illinois University. Sustainability Brown Baggers Series. February 10. “The Sustainability of the Rural Identity.” Macomb, IL.

Selected

- 2017 Galloway, K. and L. Ashwood. Alabama Farm Expo. “Property and Farm Rights in Alabama and the Nation: How Right-to-Farm laws impact property and agriculture.” August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Guest Lecturer. Drexel University. “The Rural Rebel,” delivered to Urban Sociology undergraduate class. June 5, 2017.

- 2017 Ashwood, L. "For-Profit Democracy: The Rise of Environmental Injustices, and the Decline of Governmental Authority in Rural America." Guest Lecturer. Auburn University Introduction to Environmental Sciences. November 17<sup>th</sup>. Auburn, Alabama.
- 2016 Ashwood, L. International Rural Sociological Association. "The Rural Agricultural Power-Play." In Session "Emerging ruralities in deagrared worlds." September 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 Ashwood, L. International Rural Sociological Association. "The Rural Rebel." In Session "Rural Radicals: Exploring Radical Community Organising in Rural Areas." August 11<sup>th</sup>.  
 Ashwood, L. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. June 25<sup>th</sup>. Mini-Conference *Moral Economies of Sovereignty*. "The Moral Economy of Property." Berkeley, California.
- 2014 Ashwood, L. Rural Sociological Society. August 2. "A Tocquevillian Framework for Environmental Injustice." New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2013 Ashwood, L. North Carolina Environmental Justice Network. October 18. "Injustice in the Georgia Countryside: The Moral Economy of Land Loss." Whitackers, North Carolina.  
 Ashwood, L. Rural Sociological Society. August 9. "For Love of the Land: The Moral Economy of Land Loss." New York, NY.  
 Ashwood, L. American Sociological Association, Section on Environment and Technology Roundtable: Critical Perspectives. August 13. "Land for the Taking." New York, NY.  
 Ashwood, L., D. Diamond, and K. Thu. Rural Sociological Society. August 7. "Where's the Producer? Limiting Liability in Midwest Industrial Hog Production." New York, NY.
- 2012 Ashwood, L., N. Harden, M. Bell and W. Bland. Rural Sociological Society. July 27. "Linked and Situated: Grounded Knowledge." Chicago, IL
- 2011 Harden, N., and L. Ashwood. International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources. June 3. "For the Public Good: Weaving a Multifunctional Landscape in the Corn Belt." Madison, WI.  
 Harden, N., L. Ashwood, M.M. Bell, and W. Bland. International Association of Landscape Ecology Conference. April 4. "Landscape Agroecology: A Multifunctional Approach to Nonpoint Source Pollution." Seattle, WA.  
 Harden, N. and L. Ashwood. Rock River Educational Forum. April 14. "Bringing Together Farmers, Landowners, Communities, Government, and Scientists to Develop Creative Strategies to Reduce Runoff Pollution in Two Small Watersheds in Wisconsin and Illinois."

- 2010 Ashwood, L. Rural Sociological Society. Aug. 14. "Landscape Agroecology: Socio-Environmental Action for Multifunctionality." Atlanta, GA.  
Bell, M. and Ashwood, L. Rural Sociological Society. Aug. 13. "Beyond Class: Traditional Music and the Social Relations of Taste." Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 Ashwood, L. SociETAS Seminar. University of Wisconsin, Madison. Oct. 19. "Social Expression of the Rural: A Narrative of Rural Meaning." Madison WI.
- 2008 Ashwood, L. International Rural Sociology Association XII Congress. July 11. "Immigration and Emigration: The Difference of the Rural Locality." Seoul, Korea.  
Ashwood, L. American Association of Geographers Conference. April 15-19. "The Social Expression of the Rural: A Case Study of Four Irish Social Representative Groups." Boston, MA.  
Ashwood, L. Geography Seminar Series. NUIG. Jan. 24. "Changing Rural Identities: A Case Study of Four Irish Social Representative Groups." Galway, Ireland.

## **STUDENT TRAINING**

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### Advisor

Fiona Walker, Masters, completed. Right-to-Farm Laws.  
John Canfield, Masters, current. Financialization of land.  
Dalton Richardson, Masters, current. Right-to-Farm Laws.  
Karl Galloway, Masters, current. Poultry processing and community.

### Undergraduate Research Fellowship Advisor

Kenzley Defler: Fruithurst, Alabama, Cancer Cluster Study.

### Committee Member

Susan Goodwin.  
John Gunn.  
Chelsey Klimowicz.  
Lindy Olive.  
James Patterson.

### Outside Reader

Arnold Brodbeck, Forestry.  
Alex Chan, Human Development and Family Studies.



## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2017 Organizer. Rural Sociological Society. “Countering Utilitarianism and Environmental Injustice.” Diversity Mini-Conference. Columbus, Ohio. July 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 Session Chair. Rural Sociological Society. “Value Chains III.” Paper Session. August 9. Madison, Wisconsin.  
Organizer with Jacki Hartley. Rural Sociological Society. Panel. August 7. “Voices in the Rural Local Food System.” Madison, Wisconsin.  
Guest Lecturer. Alpha Kappa Delta. Auburn University. December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Guest Lecturer. Kelly Alley’s anthropology course “Political Ecology,” Auburn University. November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 Moderator and Organizer. Rural Sociological Society. August 2. Panel. “Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Rural Environmental Injustice: Linking Communities and Scholars.” New Orleans, Louisiana.  
Organizer. Rural Sociological Society. August 1. Panel. “Citizens and Environmental Action: Community Resilience in the South.” New Orleans, Louisiana.  
Organizer. Rural Sociological Society. August 2. Workshop. “Theater of the Oppressed.”
- 2013 Session Chair, Discussant. Rural Sociological Society. August 8. “Masculinity, Farmer Identity and Land Ownership.” New York, NY.
- 2012 Session Chair. L. Rural Sociological Society. July 27. “Grounding Innovation.” Chicago, IL
- 2012-2014 Culture, History and Environment (CHE) working group.
- 2010-2011 Research Assistant. Dept. of Community and Environmental Sociology. Madison, WI: Funded through Landscape Agroecology grant.
- 2010 Roundtable Session Chair. American Sociological Association. August 14<sup>th</sup>. Environment and Technology Section.
- Summer 2009 Research Associate. Value Added Sustainable Development Center. Researched implications of biofuel for rural communities. .
- 2008-2009 Community Outreach Specialist. Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs: Full-time specialist for program designed to help revitalize rural Illinois communities.

### Professional Service

- 2013-2018 Diversity Committee, Rural Sociological Society. Chair, 2017-2018.
- 2016-2017 Secretary, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.
- 2015-2016 Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Assessment Committee, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee,
- 2013-2016 Chair and Co-Chair, Rural Studies Group, Rural Sociological Society.
- 2013-2015 Student Council Representative, Rural Sociological Society.
- 2015 Program Committee, Rural Sociological Society.
- 2013-2014 Social Committee, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology.
- 2012 Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Student Paper Prize Judge.
- 2009-2011 UW-Madison Sociology Department Mentorship Committee Member.
- 2010-2011 Graduate Student Representative, Dept. of Community and Environmental Sociology.
- 2011 Poster Judge. International Symposium on Society and Natural Resources. June 2.

### Reviewer

*Agriculture and Human Values, Journal of Rural Studies, Social Currents, Rural Sociology, International Journal of Contemporary Sociology.*

Grant reviewer for NIFA *Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program*; NIFA *Small Business Innovation Research Program's Small and Mid-Sized Farm Program Area*; NIFA *Small Business Innovation Research Program's Rural and Community Development Program Area*.

### Community Service

- 2014-2015 Secretary, Illinois Stewardship Alliance.
- 2013-2015 Board of Directors, Illinois Stewardship Alliance.
- 2012-2015 Founding Board Member, Board of Directors, Rural Residents for Responsible

Agriculture.

2014 President, Rural Residents for Responsible Agriculture.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH**

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“Professor shares views of ‘factory farming’”. *Canton Daily Ledger*. October 16, 2017. <http://www.cantondailyledger.com/news/20171016/professor-shares-views-of-factory-farming>

“Auburn University Investigating Fruithurst Cancer Cases Where 6 Kids Diagnosed in 14 Months.” CBS42, March 7, 2017. <http://wiat.com/2017/03/07/auburn-university-investigating-fruithurst-cancer-cases-where-6-kids-diagnosed-in-14-months/>

## **JOURNALISM AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

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- 2007 Guest columnist, *Newspaper Guild*, “Newspapers’ Woes Begin in J-School.”
- 2006 First place recipient of Society of Professional Journalists Five-State Area General News Writing Award for “While farming potatoes, they take on pollution” in *Florida Union-Times*.  
Reporter of the Month, *Florida Times-Union*. Two articles used by the *Associated Press*.  
Selected as senior class speaker for Freshman induction into Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism.  
Second Place co-recipient of Illinois Press Association In-Depth Series Award for methamphetamine series in the *Macomb Eagle*.
- 2004 Third place, Society of Professional Journalists Television In-Depth Reporting Award for series on cattle market manipulation on *U.S. Farm Report*.
- 2003 First Place Co-Recipient of Illinois College Press Association Award for state of mind series in the *Daily Northwestern*.

## **ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association; Law and Society; Rural Sociological Society; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics.