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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Charlotte, NC
Assistant Professor
Department of Global Studies, August 2022-Present

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Water Equity Postdoctoral Associate, Pittsburgh Collaboratory for Water Research, Education, and Outreach,
Department of Geology and Environmental Science, September 2021-June 2022

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, 2015-2021. GPA: 4.00/4.00
Dissertation: "The Global Economy, Resource Conflicts, and Transnational Social Movements: Dimensions of Resistance to Water Privatization"
Certificates: Global Studies and Latin American Studies
Committee: Dr. Suzanne Staggenborg (co-chair), Dr. Jackie Smith (co-chair), Dr. John Markoff, Dr. Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Dr. Marcela González Rivas

Institute of Research and Urban and Regional Planning of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil (Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional da Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)
Specialization in Energy and Society in Contemporary Capitalism, postgraduate degree (Especialização em Energia e Sociedade no Capitalismo Contemporâneo, pós-graduação), 2019-2022.

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, 2012-2015. GPA: 4.00/4.00
Thesis: "Green Theology and Social Justice Movements in Brazil"

Denison University, Granville, OH
Bachelor of Arts, Summa cum laude, 2005-2009. GPA: 3.86/4.00 Major: Environmental Studies, self-designed concentration in Environmental Justice; Minor: Political Science.
Honors Senior Thesis: "Indigenous Rights, Human Rights and Environmental Rights in the Global Economy: Three Case Studies in Brazil and the United States"

School of International Training (SIT), Semester program in Brazil: Amazon Resource Management and Human Ecology, Spring 2008

AREAS OF INTEREST

transnational social movements, resource conflicts, environmental justice, climate justice, environmental sociology, human right to water, feminist and decolonial research methodologies, political ecology, globalization, social movements, world-systems analysis

PAPER PRIZE

Winner of the Society for the Study of Social Problems Global Division's Student Paper Competition 2017 for my paper "La Vía Campesina and Standing Rock: Possibilities for Food, Water, and Climate Justice Amidst Global Expulsions."

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 2021 Schroering, Caitlin. "Constructing Another World: Solidarity and the Right to Water." *Studies in Social Justice*, 15(1): 102-128. <https://doi.org/10.26522/ssj.v15i1.2435>.
- Schroering, Caitlin** and Suzanne Staggenborg. "Volunteer and Staff Participants in Social Movements: A Comparison of Two Local Coalitions." *Social Movement Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2021.1967127>.
- Rivas, Marcela González, and **Caitlin Schroering**. "Pittsburgh's Translocal Social Movement: A Case of the New Public Water." *Utilities Policy*, 71: 101230.
- 2020 Banerjee, Tarun and **Caitlin Schroering**. "Responsible for Whom? The Impact of Corporate Social Responsibility on Firm Vulnerability and Responsiveness to Social Movement Activism." *Sociological Focus*, 53(4): 337-358.
- Murphy, Michael and **Caitlin Schroering**. "Refiguring the Plantationocene: Racial Capitalism, World-Systems Analysis, and Global Socioecological Transformation." *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 26(2): 400-415.
- 2019 Schroering, Caitlin. "Resistance and Knowledge Production: Social Movements as Producers of Theory and Praxis." *Revista CS*, 29: 73-102.

Book Reviews

- 2021 Schroering, Caitlin. 2021. Book Review: Fighting for Water: Resisting Privatization in Europe by Andreas Bieler. *Capital & Class*, 45(4):608-609. doi:10.1177/03098168211048569c
- 2018 Schroering, Caitlin. Book Review: Green Gentrification: Urban Sustainability and the Struggle for Environmental Justice, *Society & Natural Resources*, DOI: 10.1080/08941920.2018.1517915

Works in Progress

The Global Fight for the Commons of Water: Translocal Social Movement Resistance, Knowledge Production, and Solidarity (Book Manuscript)

"Water Is Life, Sanitation Is Dignity": Social Movement Resistance and the Struggle Against the Commodification of Water"

"Social Movement Resistance, Reclaiming the Commons, and the Potential of Emancipatory Research Methodologies"

"A privatização da água e a luta pela recuperação dos bens comuns: resistência translocal e o direito à água"

"Closing the Water Gap," working group with collaborators at the University of Pittsburgh

Other Publications

- 2022 Schroering, Caitlin. "Pedagogies of Resistance: Blurring the Boundaries of Activist-Teacher in the Classroom." *NICHE*. https://niche-canada.org/2022/07/26/pedagogies-of-resistance-blurring-the-boundaries-of-activist-teacher-in-the-classroom/?fbclid=IwAR2BQjkmgSAaO81z0AIdo6N4hqe48B7YHOZ9q-8i1gTG_qoLnXn7Tx4z6ZE
- 2022 Schroering, Caitlin and Rob Robinson. "Reflexões sobre um dos piores crimes socioambientais do Brasil sob uma ótica internacional." *MAB*. <https://mab.org.br/2022/01/28/reflexoes-sobre-um-dos-piores-crimes-socioambientais-do-brasil-sob-uma-otica-internacional/>

- 2021 Schroering, Caitlin. "Academia, activism and Pittsburgh's water: My scholarship cannot be neutral." *PublicSource*. <https://www.publicsource.org/academic-activist-pitt-pwsa-lead-water/?fbclid=IwAR08wm43s2QbsbBXIEXjdGfePh4GPMG9Nh56yPxx6RGI9zVpT-ZwwSLG68I>
- Schroering, Caitlin and Letícia Oliveira. "Shared Experiences Of Dam Failures And Blackouts In Brazil And The United States." *MAB*. <https://mab.org.br/2021/07/14/shared-experiences-of-dam-failures-and-blackouts-in-brazil-and-the-united-states/>
- Schroering, Caitlin. "Inside the Struggle for Water Sovereignty in Brazil." *ROAR Magazine/Journal of Resistance Studies*. <https://roarmag.org/essays/brazil-mab-water-sovereignty/>
- 2020 Schroering, Caitlin. "À Beira Do Colapso: A Situação Das Barragens Nos Estados Unidos." *MAB*. <https://mab.org.br/2020/06/08/a-beira-do-colapso-a-situacao-das-barragens-nos-estados-unidos/>
- Schroering, Caitlin. "A Year After Brazil Dam Collapse, Communities Still Calling for Accountability." *Truthout*. <https://truthout.org/articles/a-year-after-brazil-dam-collapse-communities-still-calling-for-accountability/>
- 2019 Schroering, Caitlin. Water is a Human Right! Grassroots Resistance to Corporate Power. *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 25(1), 28-34. doi:<https://doi.org/10.5195/jwsr.2019.899>
- Schroering, Caitlin. "Brazil Dam Collapse is a Human Rights Disaster and Crime." *Truthout*. Available from: <https://truthout.org/articles/brazil-dam-collapse-is-a-human-rights-disaster-and-crime/>
- 2018 Smith, Jackie and **Caitlin Schroering**. "Global Peasant Declaration Represents Huge Advance for Human Rights." *Common Dreams*. Available from: <https://www.commondreams.org/views/2018/12/18/global-peasant-declaration-represents-huge-advance-human-rights>
- Schroering, Caitlin. "Capitalism and Patriarchy: Gendered Dimensions of the Global Economy, Water Conflicts, and Transnational Activist Networks" Shortened Version appeared in *PEWS News Newsletter*, Issue 1, Fall 2018.
- 2010 Schroering, Caitlin. "Joanna Macy: Buddhism and Power for Social Change." *Denison Journal of Religion*, Vol. IX, No. 1. Available from: <http://ohio5.openrepository.com/ohio5/handle/11282/306647>
- 2008 Schroering, Caitlin. "Alcoa in Juruti, Brazil: A Case of Environmental Injustice and Colonialism?" *SIT Digital Collections*. Paper 36. Available from: http://digitalcollections.sit.edu/isp_collection/36
- 2007 Schroering, Caitlin. "How to Stop AIDS Now." *Foreign Policy in Focus*. Available from: http://fpif.org/how_to_stop_aids_now/

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Assistant Professor

- Global Environmental Justice: Varieties of Environmentalism, Fall 2022
- Environment and Societies, Fall 2022

The New School/Parsons School of Design

Invited Lecturer

- Qualitative Research Methods for students in the Masters in Design and Urban Ecologies (three part intensive course over three weeks in February 2021)

University of Pittsburgh

Teaching Fellow

- Instructor of record, Societies (entry level and general education sociology course, Summer 2020, online course)
- Instructor of record, Globalization (entry level and general education sociology course, Summer 2017)

Research and Teaching Assistant

- Research and teaching assistant to Dr. Suzanne Staggenborg Fall 2017-Summer 2019)
 - Responsibilities included syllabi creation, course prep, and grading student papers
- Research Assistant/Managing Editor, Journal of World-Systems Research (JWSR), Jackie Smith, May 2016-August 2017
- Teaching Assistant (Sociology)
 - Sociology of the Family (Fall 2016)

Academic Advising/Mentoring

- Advisor to Amanda Zelnis on her project, “Measuring Water and Sewer Affordability and Its Impacts in Allegheny County” for the Pittsburgh Collaboratory for Water Research, Education, & Outreach at the University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2020.
- Peer Mentor, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh to incoming graduate student, 2018-2019; 2020-2021
- Mentor to undergraduate senior sociology students for their capstone projects, 2015-2016.

Additional Experience

- Graduate Assistant, University of Florida, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
- Environmental Studies Senior Fellow, Denison University, August 2008-May 2009.
- Portuguese Teaching Assistant and Tutor, Denison University, August 2007- May 2009.
- Environmental Studies Teaching Assistant, Denison University, August 2006-May 2007.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- MCSI-UCSI Global Engagement Sustainability Grant, University of Pittsburgh, \$14,000 awarded for “Realizing Sustainable Development Goal 6: Challenges and Opportunities” to support student research assistants, 2022-2023. Co-PI with Dr. Marcela González Rivas.
- Year of Data and Society, University of Pittsburgh, \$8,000 awarded for “Addressing water affordability and governance transparency in the Pittsburgh region with publicly available data” to support student research assistants, 2021-2022. Co-PI with Dr. Marcela González Rivas
- Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, 2020-2021
- Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2020-2021
- Norman P. Hummon Research Award, University of Pittsburgh, 2020.
- Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2019-2020.
- Three Minute Thesis, 1st Prize Winner for Social Sciences Division, Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences of the University of Pittsburgh, 2019
- Travel Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2019. \$500.
- Nationality Rooms Grant, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2018. \$2500 to conduct preliminary dissertation research in Brazil.
- Tinker Grant/Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, Summer 2018. \$2105 to conduct preliminary dissertation research in Brazil.
- Travel Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 2018. \$500.
- Social Movements Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh, 2015/2016. \$21,262.
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) for Portuguese, University of Florida, 2012/2013 academic year. \$17,000.
- Heritage Scholarship, a half-tuition merit based award from Denison University for the 2005/2006, 2006/2007, 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 Academic Years.

- Denison Young Scholar Program: \$3,300 dollar award to conduct full-time independent research for 10 weeks during the summer of 2008.
- K.I. Brown Academic Scholarship: \$2,000 scholarship from Denison University for the 2008/2009 Academic Year.
- Fund for American Studies: \$5,500 scholarship to attend their 2007 Summer Institute.

SELECTED INVITED TALKS/LECTURES

- “Water is Life, Sanitation is Dignity”: Social Movement Resistance and the Struggle Against the Commodification of Water.” 2021 (February 10th). Water Analysts Talking and Exchanging Research, Spring Discussion Series, Pittsburgh Collaboratory for Water Research, Education, and Outreach.
- “Water Rights in the Global South.” 2021 (February 8th). Teaching The Global Water Crisis: A Multi-Disciplinary Mini-course for K-12 Educators, hosted by University of Pittsburgh's National Consortium for Teaching About Asia, and Global Studies Center, and is co-sponsored by the Asian Studies Center at the University of Pittsburgh.
- “The Human Right to Water: response to Farhana Sultana.” 2019 (September 12th). Carnegie Mellon Humanities Center Public Lecture Series: Bread and Water: Access, Belonging, and Environmental Justice in the City.
- “The Human Right to Water: Threats from Privatization in Pittsburgh and the World.” 2019 (April 4th). Panelist with Emanuele Lobina and representatives from the Our Water Campaign. Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh.
- “Territories of expression for environmental movements from below: response to Alexa Woloshyn.” 2019 (January 16th). Pitt-CMU Environmental Humanities Research Seminar.
- “Transnational Water Controversies” In Dr. Abigail Owen’s *The Politics of Water: Global Controversies, Past and Present*, Carnegie Mellon University, Fall 2018
- “Preparing for the Twists and Turns of Post-Denison Life: The Advantages of an Environmental Studies Experience,” February 7, 2017, Denison University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Collaborative Knowledge Production and the Right to Water: Solidarity, Decolonization, and Translocal Learning Networks.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August 9, 2021, Virtual.
- “Water Is Life, Sanitation Is Dignity’: Social Movement Resistance and the Struggle Against the Commodification of Water.” Presented at the International Sociological Association Conference, February 27, 2021, Virtual.
- “Constructing Alter-Globalizations: Solidarity and Transnational Right to Water Movements.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August 8, 2020, Virtual.
- “Resistance and Knowledge Production: Social Movements as Producers of Theory and Praxis.” Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 9, 2019, New York City.
- “Leadership and Structure in Coalitions: A Comparison of Two Local Alliances.” With Suzanne Staggenborg. Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August 12, 2019, New York City.
- “Transnational Social Movement Resistance and the Struggle for Democracy and Human Rights: A Fight Against “Slow” Violence and the Commodification of Water.” Presented at Mobilization, May 11, 2019 in San Diego.
- “Capitalism and Patriarchy: Gendered Dimensions of the Global Economy, Water Conflicts, and Transnational Activist Networks.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August 14, 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “The Global Economy and Resource Conflicts: Dimensions of Resistance to Water Privatization.” Presented at Mobilization, May 3, 2018 in San Diego.
- “The Global Economy, Resource Conflicts, and Environmental Social Movements: Dimensions of Resistance to Water Privatization.” Presented at the Alter-Globalizations: Another World Is (Still) Possible conference hosted by the Society of Global Scholars at the University of California, Santa Barbara on March 3, 2018.
- “The Global Economy, Resource Conflicts, and Environmental Social Movement Resistance.” Presented at the Dimensions of Political Ecology 2018 conference in Lexington, KY on February 24, 2018.
- “La Via Campesina and Standing Rock: Possibilities for Food, Water, and Climate Justice Amidst Global Expulsions?” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August 15, 2017,

Montreal, Canada.

- “Reflections on Resistance and Hope: Chico Buarque’s Music, Plays, and Novels.” 2016. Presented at the Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, April 29-May 1, Lima, Peru on the panel “Soundscapes of Latin America: Ritual, Activism, Resistance.”
- “Green Theology and Social Justice Movements: An Examination of the Catholic Church in Brazil.” 2015. Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference, August 23, 2016, Seattle, Washington.
- “Rising Water Costs, Race, and Justice in Pittsburgh.” 2016. Presented at the Joint Conference of the Midwest Sociological Society and North Central Sociological Society, March 25, Chicago, Illinois.
- “Religion and Political Culture in Brazil: Are Pentecostals Authoritarian?” 2013. Presented at the 2013 Conference of the Social Sciences at the University of Florida, hosted by the Florida Society of the Social Sciences. Gainesville, Florida.

ORGANIZED PANEL

“Militant Co-research and Political Ecology” co-organized with Patrick Korte (Virginia Commonwealth University) for Dimensions of Political Ecology, February 21-23, 2019. University of Kentucky.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (fluent), Portuguese (proficient speaking, listening, reading, writing), Spanish (proficient reading, conversational listening, speaking and writing)

OTHER HONORS AND AWARDS

- Graduate Student Spotlight in *PEW’S NEWS* Newsletter, Issue 1, Fall 2018
- USA Today’s 2009 All-USA College Academic Team: one of 20 students throughout the country named to USA Today’s third team, based on outstanding intellectual achievement and leadership.
- One of 50 Denison students named to 2009 Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
- Denison Distinguished Leadership Award, 2009: The honor is awarded annually to graduating seniors recognizing their “extraordinary commitment to excellence, leadership and dedication to Denison and surrounding communities.”
- Truman Scholar Finalist 2008. Attained finalist position for this prestigious \$30,000 award from the Truman Foundation.
- Honor Societies: Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Alpha Nu Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Society.

PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Planning meeting member, Lead Safe Allegheny Summit, 2021
- Table member, Our Water Campaign, environmental justice campaign of Pittsburgh United, 2017-present
- Member, US Solidarity Committee for MAB, 2019-present
- Participant, Drop Colcom Campaign, 2020-present
- Policy Fellow/Volunteer, Alliance for Police Accountability, October 2020-January 2021
- Reviewer, *Studies in Social Justice*
- Reviewer, *Studies in Social Justice*
- Reviewer, *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change*
- Reviewer, *Critical Sociology*
- Reviewer, *Journal of World-Systems Research*
- Graduate Student Representative to Departmental Meetings, University of Pittsburgh, August 2016-May 2017
- Editorial Assistant and External Review Coordinator, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* (JSRNC), November 2012-July 2014

PROFESSIONAL PRACTITIONER EXPERIENCE

Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment (Jacksonville, FL)

- Senior organizer (May 2013-July 2014) and Associate organizer (November 2009-July 2012)

- Organized over 50 house meetings where over 500 residents discussed community problems; Developed and trained over 50 team leaders that produced over 710 people to a public action; Organized a homeless issue campaign that created access to daytime resources for 4000 homeless residents. Organized a youth crime campaign that established restorative justice as an alternative to out of school suspension for 300 children; Trained three organizer trainees who mobilized 800 people at ICARE actions; Raised over \$100,000 locally
- Organizer trainee (July 2009-October 2009)
 - Organized workshop with over 60 people participating to recruit new members to ICARE.

Global Justice

- Student board member. June 2008-May 2009;
- Internship, Summer 2007, Washington D.C Office.

Student Global AIDS Campaign (SGAC)

- Steering Committee Member, Chapter Development Coordinator, June 2008-May 2009.
- Steering Committee Member, National Fundraising Coordinator, August 2007-February 2008.
- National Media Coordinator, May 2006-May 2007.
- Chapter Leader, Denison University, August 2006-December 2007.
- Advocacy Point Person, Denison, October 2005-May 2006.

Denison Progressive Alliance

- Co-President of DPA, August 2008-May 2009.
- Public Relations Chair, Denison, August 2006-December 2007.
- Faculty Outreach Chair for End Bottled Water Campaign (Denison), August 2007-December

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Participant in the Fund for American Studies Summer Institute on Philanthropy and Voluntary Service, Summer 2007

- Enrolled full-time at Georgetown
- Internship with Global Justice, a non-profit organization; Attended meetings and conferences focused on HIV/AIDS issues; conducted development research and outreach; researched policy issues pertaining to HIV/AIDS, and wrote policy briefs and articles on those issues.

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences