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EDUCATION

Doctorate in Philosophy (PhD), Geography University of California, Davis, 2019

Dissertation: New Ranchers, New Possibilities: First-Generation Ranchers in California

Master of Environmental Planning and Design (MEPD) University of Georgia, 2011

Thesis: Opportunities and Barriers to Institutional Purchasing of Georgia-Grown Blueberries

Bachelor of Arts (AB), International Affairs University of Georgia, 2008

Certificate in International Agriculture

PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow (December 2025 – Present)

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Associate, US Agriculture and Food Security (July 2024 - April 2025)

Abt Global, remote

- Led cross-functional teams of up to 12 members across multiple high-value federal contracts, managing complex mixed-methods food systems projects.
- Managed USDA evaluation contracts and co-led a 20-site HUD research initiative, creating processes for 400+ stakeholder interviews to inform federal policy and program strategy.
- Enhanced program delivery capacity for climate/economic justice organizations under JPMorgan Chase's \$500M AdvancingCities philanthropic initiative, providing technical assistance and strengthening local program evaluation strategies.
- Developed strategic frameworks for 12+ USDA proposals by integrating food system and equity subject matter expertise, translating complex policy requirements into actionable research plans.

Project Manager (March 2023 - July 2024)

Change Machine, remote

- Led the design of a four-part research project to assess if financial coaching and financial technology improves the financial security of low-income Black and Brown female tax filers, using 1. low-income tax filer surveys and interviews, 2. financial coaching customer surveys and interviews, 3. financial coaching practitioner surveys, and 4. financial coaching and financial technology interventions during tax time
- Created processes for our cross-functional, remote team to ensure that project milestones met grant and organizational objectives with on-time deliverables, using tools that included Asana, Google Suite, Slack, and Zoom
- Developed and executed project cohort and external partnership plans that included building partnerships with policy think tanks, nonprofits, and businesses to support communications and increase public support for equitable tax policies
- Oversaw \$1.8 million in project operating budget and grant management.

Project Manager (February 2022 – February 2023)

Institute for Ecological Civilization, remote

- Provided regenerative agriculture, community development, and climate resiliency expertise and leadership in determining strategic research priorities, research design, and execution of multiple projects, ensuring that programs met organizational objectives and on-time deliverables
- Developed and executed strategic partnership plans that included identifying, prioritizing, and building cross-sectoral partnerships with nonprofits, academic institutions, and businesses to support organizational growth and expansion of ecologically resilient and socially equitable food systems
- Collaboratively developed and hosted workshops on worker-owned cooperative models with community and academic partners
- Planned, managed, and oversaw \$250,000 in programmatic operating budgets and grant management.

Social Science Researcher (August 2021 – January 2022)

Institute for Ecological Civilization, remote

- Collaborated on mixed-methods research project to identify high-impact research areas for \$300+ million dollars of philanthropic funding in 12 sectors to improve human well-being and climate change resilience (including food and agriculture, economics, and water)
- Used Delphi methodology to conduct and analyze 202 survey responses in Qualtrics and 55 interviews of subject matter experts in NVivo to identify innovative, cross-functional RFP themes and organizations to solicit grant proposals
- Authored and presented annual reports, programmatic outcomes, and recommendations to internal staff, Board of Directors, and external partners.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Sustainable Food Systems (September 2019 – August 2020)

Indiana University, Bloomington

- Led 2 mixed-methods research projects that analyzed international and national agricultural policies impact on livelihoods of farmers aimed at improving the economic security of farmers
- Conducted literature review and policy analysis of USDA Food and Drug regulations and impact on commodity supply chains and agricultural land use
- Designed and implemented survey of olive farmers decision-making process in relation to pest control to develop targeted policies and collaborative governance structures to enhance adaptive capacity of farmers.

Researcher (October 2014 – September 2019)

New Ranchers, New Possibilities: First-generation ranchers in California

- Conducted socio-ecological research project using qualitative (semi-structured interviews) and quantitative methods (surveys) of 37 first-generation ranchers to understand decision-making and use of information sources
- Analyzed and synthesized existing policies and regulations impact on climate adaptation decision-making
- Evaluated efficacy of information campaigns by government agencies, technical advisors, and informal networks impact on climate adaptation decision-making, rangeland conservation, and drought resiliency
- Communicated social science recommendations on ways to improve agricultural policy, land management regulations, and collaborative partnerships to senior leadership as well as both technical and non-technical audiences in 8 conferences, 2 briefing papers, 1 popular media, and 1 peer-reviewed publication.

Researcher (January 2019 - June 2019)

Increasing SNAP-Recipients Access to Farmers Markets Project, Davis, CA

- Analyzed social science best practices and associated literature of USDA SNAP regulations to improve food access to underserved communities in the state of California
- Communicated recommended policies and programs in written report to stakeholders and technical specialists including, public health professionals, farmers market board of directors, Extension specialists, and Extension agents.

Researcher (March 2016 - December 2018)

Bridging Research and Food Policy Councils in California Study, Davis, CA

- Evaluated California food policy councils with a 7-person research team to determine 1. governance structures associated with successful food policy council processes and outcomes, and 2. actionable steps to improve research-to-policy connection
- Assisted in research design and development of interview and survey protocols
- Co-designed and conducted 60 open-ended interviews and analyzed qualitative interview data with NVivo
- Communicated findings to policy makers, food policy council stakeholders and academic audiences at conferences and in 2 briefing papers and 3 peer-reviewed articles
- Co-wrote and submitted annual grant reports.

Researcher (September 2014 - June 2016)

California Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Study, Davis, CA

- Coordinated and assisted in the design of a four-part research project to improve farmer economic outcomes and farm box membership retention using 1. farmer/operator survey, 2. current and former farm box member surveys, 3. California grocery purchasers survey, and 4. in-depth case studies of farms
- Collaboratively designed, implemented, and analyzed 1600 surveys and 10 interviews with a team of 6 researchers using NVivo, Stata, and Excel
- Translated technical information into synthesized best practices and recommendations for diverse delivery modalities, including 10 presentations, summary reports, and 4 academic articles.

Sustainable Agriculture Program Assistant (September 2011 – May 2014)

University of Georgia, USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Professional Development Program in Georgia

- Supported state-wide sustainable agriculture research and education program, including development of 18 workshops and professional meetings, writing, and editing content for 8 quarterly newsletters, and communications strategy for social media and listserv of 1200 active users
- Managed relationships with 25+ national and local partners, including federal and state agencies, nonprofits, and universities to increase economic security of farmers and improve regenerative agriculture practices in Georgia
- Assisted in the research design, implementation, and analysis of a food hub needs evaluation and a farmer survey
- Communicated findings in 1 peer-reviewed publications, 2 briefing papers, and 7 conference presentations
- Cowrote successful \$250,000 USDA Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Research and Education Grant, “Food Hubs and the Regional Food System: Refining Our Understanding of Best Practices from Foodsheds to Operations” to improve economic viability of small- and mid-size farms and regional food security

Farmer Network Organizer (September 2011 – May 2013)

Certified Naturally Grown (CNG), Athens, GA

- Organized farmer gatherings, tours and workshops seasonally for CNG farmers.

Program Director (January 2010 – December 2012)

Promoting Local Agriculture and Cultural Experiences (P.L.A.C.E.)

- Collaborated with the executive director in strategic development of non-profit and grant writing
- Assisted in programming and managing multiple projects, including Athens Area Homeless Shelter Children's Garden, Crop Mob events, and food lecture series.
- Trained and supervised volunteers

Sustainable Agriculture Researcher (August 2007-February 2008)

Sustainable Agriculture Development Project, Chiang Mai University, Thailand

- Conducted qualitative research on the transition from poppy production to organic agriculture by ethnic minorities within the Thai government's national park system.

INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC FUNDING

Geography Graduate Group Fellowship, 2018-2019 (\$8000)

UC Davis Graduate Student Travel Fellowship, 2018-2019 (\$2000)

James Monroe McDonald Fellowship, 2018 (\$275)

USDA Western Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Graduate Student Grant, 2017 (\$25,000)

Miller Plant Sciences Award, 2017 (\$2,500)

Jastro Shields Research Scholarship, 2015-2017 (\$7,250)

Geography Graduate Group Fellowship, 2014 (\$15,000)

Honors International Scholars Program, Courts Scholarship, 2007 (\$5000)

Governor's Scholarship, 2004 (\$5,000)

Hope Scholarship, 2004-2008 (\$60,000)

TEAM ACADEMIC FUNDING

USDA Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Research and Education Grant, 2014 (\$250,000)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

Feenstra, Gail, Gupta, Claire, Campbell, Dave, Sowerwine, Jennifer, & **Munden-Dixon, Katherine**. (2021). Understanding Food Policy Councils: Lessons for Extension Partners. *The Journal of Extension*, 59(3), Article 9. <https://doi.org/10.34068/joe.59.03.09>.

Carlisle, Liz, Maywa Montenegro de Wit, Marcia S. DeLonge, Adam Calo, Christy Getz, Joanna Ory, **Katherine Munden-Dixon**, Ryan Galt, Brett Melone, Reggie Knox, Alastair Iles, and Daniel Press. 2019. Transitioning to sustainable agriculture requires growing and sustaining an ecologically skilled workforce. *Frontiers In Sustainable Food Systems*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsufs.2019.00096>.

Carlisle, Liz, Maywa Montenegro de Wit, Marcia S. DeLonge, Adam Calo, Christy Getz, Joanna Ory, **Katherine Munden-Dixon**, Ryan Galt, Brett Melone, Reggie Knox, Alastair Iles, and Daniel Press. 2019. Securing the future of US agriculture: the case for investing in new entry sustainable farmers. *Elem Sci Anth*, 7: 17. <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.356>.

- Galt, Ryan E., Julia Van Soelen Kim, **Kate Munden-Dixon**, Libby O. Christensen, and Katharine Bradley. 2019. Retaining members of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California for economic sustainability: what characteristics affect retention rates? *Sustainability*, Special Issue: Management of Community Supported Agriculture, 11(9), 2489 <https://doi.org/10.3390/su11092489>
- Galt, Ryan E., Katharine Bradley, Libby O. Christensen, and **Kate Munden-Dixon**¹. 2019. The (un)making of “CSA people”: member retention and the customization paradox in Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California. *Journal of Rural Studies* 65: 172-185. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2018.10.006>.
- Galt, Ryan E., Katharine Bradley, Libby O. Christensen, and **Kate Munden-Dixon**¹. 2018. Exploring member data for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California: comparisons of former and current CSA members. *Data in Brief* 21, 2082-2088. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dib.2018.11.045>.
- Munden-Dixon, Kate**, Kenneth Tate, Bethany Cutts, and Leslie Roche. 2018. An uncertain future: climate resilience of first-generation ranchers. *The Rangeland Journal*, Special Issue: Transition and Transformation. (invited paper) <https://doi.org/10.1071/RJ18023>.
- Gupta, Clare, Dave Campbell, **Kate Munden-Dixon**, Jennifer Sowerwine, Shosha Capps, Gail Feenstra, and Julia Van Soelen Kim. 2018. Food policy councils and local governments: Creating effective collaboration for food systems change. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*, 8(Suppl. 2), 11–28. <https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2018.08B.006>.
- Campbell, Dave, and **Kate Munden-Dixon**. 2018. On-farm food loss: Farmer perspectives on food waste. *Journal of Extension* [On-line], 56(3) Article 3FEA5. <https://doi.org/10.34068/joe.56.03.23>.
- Furman, Carrie, Julia Gaskin, Faidra Papavasiliou, **Kate Munden-Dixon**, Hilda Kurtz, and Lurleen Walters. 2018. Food hubs in Georgia: A potential market for small-scale and midscale farms. *University of Georgia Extension Bulletin* [On-line], 1488. <https://extension.uga.edu/publications/detail.html?number=B1488>.
- Galt, Ryan, Katie Bradley, Libby Christensen, Cindy Fake, **Kate Munden-Dixon**, Natasha Simpson, Rachel Surls, and Julia Van Soelen Kim. 2017. What difference does income make for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) members in California? Comparing lower-income and higher-income households. *Agriculture and Human Values* 34 (2):435-452. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-016-9724-1>.
- Munden-Dixon, Kate**, Carrie Furman, Julia Gaskin, and Kevin Samples. 2015. Assisting Small and Mid-Size Farmers to Increase Their Access to Markets: A Case Study of an Extension Program to Facilitate Food Hubs in Georgia. *Journal of Extension* [On-line], 53(4) Article 4FEA4. <https://doi.org/10.34068/joe.53.04.17>.

Published reports

- Gupta, C., Kim, J.V.S., Sowerwine, J., Feenstra, G., Campbell, D., Capps, S., **Munden-Dixon, K.** 2018. Food Policy Councils in California. University of California, Davis. https://asi.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk5751/files/inline-files/CA_FPC_Final_Report.pdf.

¹ second, third, and fourth authors share second authorship equally

- Gupta, C., Kim, J.V.S., Sowerwine, J., Feenstra, G., Campbell, D., Capps, S., **Munden-Dixon, K.** 2017. Working Paper: UC Cooperative Extension Study of California Food Policy Councils. University of California, Davis.
- Gaskin, J., **K. Munden-Dixon**, C. Furman. 2013. Is There Farmer Interest in Food Hubs in Georgia? A Needs Assessment Survey. In partnership with the Georgia Sustainable Agriculture Consortium. Crop and Soil Science Dept. College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. University of Georgia. <http://hdl.handle.net/10724/33979>.
- Beechuk, M. J. Gaskin, **K. Munden-Dixon**. 2012. Food Hubs in Georgia: A Baseline Survey 2012. Crop and Soil Science Dept. College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. University of Georgia. Athens, GA. https://fieldreport.caes.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/B-1488_2.pdf.

Book review

- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2017. Growing livelihoods: Local food systems and community development. *Community Development*, 48(5), 712-713. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15575330.2017.1369648>.

Other publications

- Christensen, Libby and **Kate Munden-Dixon**. 2016. The Future of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California. CA Small Farm News, California Small Farm Conference. 2016/2017 Newsletter, June 2016.
- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2013. New Food Safety Rules Are Coming and They Can Affect You. Sustainable Agriculture at UGA, Summer Newsletter.
- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2013. Georgia Farmers Interested in Selling to Food Hubs: An Interactive Map. Sustainable Agriculture at UGA, Spring Newsletter.
- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2013. Market Income Calculator. Sustainable Agriculture at UGA, Spring Newsletter.
- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2013. Revolutionizing Nursery Irrigation. Sustainable Agriculture at UGA, Winter Newsletter.
- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2012. Georgia Farm to School Program Takes Off. Sustainable Agriculture at UGA, Fall Newsletter.
- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2012. UGA hosts 1st Annual Organic Twilight Tour. Sustainable Agriculture at UGA, Fall Newsletter.
- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2012. Certificate of Organic Agriculture. Sustainable Agriculture at UGA, Spring Newsletter.
- Munden-Dixon, K.** 2012. Zamorano Food System Assessment. Zamorano College, Honduras.

PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist.** Sustainable Meat Production Panel. “Community and ecological impacts: Reconceptualizing how we define sustainable meat production.” Department of Animal Sciences, UC Davis. May 19, 2016.

ORGANIZED CONFERENCE SESSIONS

- Discussant.** Rural and urban systems linkages. American Association of Geographers Conference. New Orleans, LA. April 9, 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

- * = in-person presenter(s) of jointly authored presentations

Munden-Dixon, Kate. Alone on the range: A new generation of rancher on the frontier of climate change solutions? Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Conference. June 29, 2019.

Galt, Ryan* and **Kate Munden-Dixon.** Comparing embeddedness of place-based agrifood systems: A regional analysis of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California. Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Conference. June 28, 2019.

Gupta, Clare*, Gail Feenstra, **Kate Munden-Dixon**, Dave Campbell, and Jennifer Sowerwine. Panel: Food Policy Councils as Strategies for “Finding Home in the Wilderness.” Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Conference. June 28, 2019.

Munden-Dixon., Kate. Keynote: Change on the Range. USDA NRCS Visionary Women in Agriculture and Conservation: Women’s history month 2019 celebration. March 27, 2019.

Munden-Dixon, Kate. Alone on the range: A new generation of rancher on the frontier of climate change solutions? California Climate & Agriculture Network Summit. Davis, CA. March 5, 2019. (Invited talk)

Munden-Dixon, Kate. Grazing on the margins: The political ecology of first-generation ranchers and shepherds in California. Political Ecology Network Conference. Oslo, Norway. June 21, 2018.

Galt, Ryan*, Katharine Bradley, Libby Christensen and **Kate Munden-Dixon.** The (un)making of CSA people: the paradox of member retention in Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California. Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Conference. Madison, WN. June 14, 2018.

Campbell, Dave*, **Kate Munden-Dixon**, and Gail Feenstra. Food Policy Councils and Local Governments: Context-Specific Collaboration for Food Systems Change. Eating for Change: Global and Local Perspectives on Food and Transformation. Davis, CA. May 16, 2018.

Munden-Dixon, Kate. Radicals ranching in California? How a new generation of ranchers are adapting to socio-economic challenges and a changing climate. American Association of Geographers Conference. New Orleans, LA. April 12, 2018.

Munden-Dixon, Kate*, Tate, K., Cutts, B., Roche, L. Alone on the Range: Exploring First-Generation Ranchers’ Adaptations to Socio-economic Challenges in California. Society of Range Management Annual Meeting, Reno, NV, February 1, 2018.

Munden-Dixon, Kate*, Tate, K., Cutts, B., Roche, L. Bridging the Divide: Implications of Social Variations Between First- and Multi-Generational Ranchers. Australian Rangeland Society Conference, Port Augusta, Australia. September 28, 2017.

Munden-Dixon, Kate*, Tate, K., Cutts, B., Roche, L. New Ranchers, New Possibilities: First-Generation Ranchers in California. Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Conference, Los Angeles, CA. June 15, 2017.

Munden-Dixon, Kate*, Clare Gupta, Dave Campbell, Gail Feenstra, Jennifer Sowerwine, Julia Van Solen Kim, & Shosha Capps. UC ANR Food Policy Council Study. Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Conference, Los Angeles, CA, June 17, 2017.

Munden-Dixon, Kate* & Clare Gupta*. UC ANR Food Policy Council Study. North Bay Food Policy Council Convening, Petaluma, CA, June 8, 2017

- Munden-Dixon, Kate*** & Ryan Galt. Place-based agrifood system politics: community supported agriculture (CSA) in California. American Association of Geographers Conference, San Francisco, CA, March 31, 2016.
- Munden-Dixon, Kate*** & Ryan Galt. The Future of Community Supported Agriculture in California. California Small Farm Conference. Sacramento, California, March 7, 2016.
- Christensen, Libby O.*, Ryan E. Galt, Katharine Bradley, Natasha Simpson, & **Kate Munden-Dixon**. Who supports Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California? Comparisons of current and former CSA members. UC Davis/CAFF CSA workshop. McKellar Farm, Ivanhoe, California, September 21, 2015.
- Galt, Ryan E.*, Libby O. Christensen*, Katharine Bradley, Natasha Simpson*, & **Kate Munden-Dixon**. Who supports Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California? Comparisons of current and former CSA members. UC Davis/CAFF CSA workshop. Russell Ranch, Davis, California, September 17, 2015.
- Galt, Ryan E., Libby Christensen, Katharine Bradley, Natasha Simpson, & **Kate Munden-Dixon**. Who supports Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California? Comparisons of current and former CSA members. UC Davis/CAFF CSA workshop. Live Earth Farm, Watsonville, California, August 18, 2015.
- Galt, Ryan E., Libby Christensen, Katharine Bradley, Natasha Simpson, & **Kate Munden-Dixon**. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in California: findings from the CSA farmer/operator survey UC Davis/CAFF CSA workshop. Live Earth Farm, Watsonville, California, August 18, 2015.
- Galt, Ryan E.*, Libby O. Christensen, Katie Bradley, Natasha Simpson, & **Kate Munden-Dixon**. 2015. Who supports Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)? CSA members in California. Annual Meeting of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society/Association for the Study of Food and Society, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 25, 2015.
- Galt, Ryan E.*, Libby O. Christensen, Katie Bradley, Natasha Simpson, & **Kate Munden-Dixon**. Synergies and trade-offs within sustainability: considering well-being in civic agriculture. Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, Illinois, April 21, 2015.
- Munden-Dixon, K.*** & Libby Christensen*. CSA Workshop. California Small Farm Conference. San Diego, California, March 10, 2015.
- Gaskin, J.W., **K. Munden-Dixon***, and M. Beechuk. Exploring Food Hubs to Strengthen Small Farm Profitability and Meet Local Food Demand. Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (SSAWG). Mobile, AL. January 15-18, 2014.
- Munden-Dixon, K.*** & Julia Gaskin. Food Hubs: Potential for Rural Economic Development. FDIC's Healthy Food Initiative Forum: 'Creating Stable and Stronger Communities through Revitalization and Economic Development Opportunities'. Keynote. Athens, GA, November 14, 2013.
- Munden-Dixon, K.*** & Julia Gaskin. Growing Distribution: Food Hubs in Georgia. Seeds of Growth Conference. Buford, GA, September 11, 2013.
- Munden-Dixon, K.*** & Julia Gaskin. Food Hubs, Processing and Distribution: Making F2S Easier in Georgia. Georgia Organics Farm to School 2013 Conference. Atlanta, GA, February 20, 2013.

Gaskin, J.W., **K. Munden-Dixon***, and M. Beechuk. Exploring Food Hubs to Strengthen Small Farm Profitability and Meet Local Food Demand. Georgia Organics Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA, February 21-22, 2013.

Gaskin, J.W.*, **K. Munden-Dixon**, and M. Beechuk. Exploring Food Hubs to Strengthen Small Farm Profitability and Meet Local Food Demand. Georgia Association of County Agricultural Agents 2012 Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference. Pine Mountain, GA, November 5-7, 2012.

Munden-Dixon, K.* & Julia Gaskin. Food Hubs in Georgia. Northeast Georgia Regional Commission. Athens, GA, October 24, 2012.

POSTERS

Munden-Dixon, K. & Leslie M. Roche. Alone on the range: Why first-generation rancher report social exclusion and the implications for ranching in California. California Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention, November 29, 2018.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

Food Hubs – A Case Study: Eastern Carolina Organics (ECO). February 12, 2013.

Sustainable Food Systems Initiative Seminar Series (2012-2013):

- Looking at Sustainable Food Production as Urban Infill and at the City's Edge. Dr. Jack Crowley. November 21, 2013.
- Foods and Nutrition Research Projects for Potential Collaboration under the UGA SFP. Dr. Jung Sun Lee and Dr. Judy Harrison. October 10, 2013.
- National Needs Fellowship Grant. Mr. David Berle. September 5, 2013.
- Foodborne Pathogens on Chicken Carcasses and in the Environment of Pasture Poultry Production System. Dr. Wahlid Alali, Center for Food Safety. April 18, 2013.
- Regional Food Systems in the NE United States: Evaluating the Status, Possibilities and Relationship to Food Security. Dr. Tim Griffin, Tufts University. March 21, 2013.
- Shared Research Strategy for the USDA ARS Long Term Agro-ecosystem Research Network. Dr. Tim Strickland, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Tifton, GA. February 21, 2013.
- Biodiversity in Agro-ecosystems: Considering Physical and Social Scales. Drs. Hilda Kurtz and Liz Kramer, University of Georgia. January 17, 2013.
- Kicking off the Sustainable Food Systems Initiative at UGA. Dr. Tim Griffin, Associate Professor and Director of the Agriculture, Food and Environment Program of the Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Tufts University. October 30, 2012.

Organic Twilight Tour. UGA Horticulture Farm. Watkinsville, GA. July 11, 2012.

Farmer Cooperative Formation Meeting. Livestock Arena, Athens, GA. March 15, 2012.

Food Hubs for the Future: Growing Georgia's Mid-Size Farms. Continuing Education Center, University of Georgia. Satellite webinar sites at Macon and Sylvania. October 27, 2011.

EDITORIAL

Sustainable Agriculture at UGA Newsletter (2012-2014). Eight issues.

SELECTED TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Community Development (2018) Course: Sustainable Food Systems. Supervised three teaching assistants. University of California, Davis.

Teaching Assistant, Community Development (2018) Course: Community and Regional Development. University of California, Davis.

Field Research Lead, Anthropology (2015) Course: Food Hubs and the Regional Food System: Refining Our Understanding of Best Practices from Foodsheds to Operations. Georgia State University.

Mentor, Cross Cultural Center (2016)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Co-organizer. Geography Graduate Group Speaker Series. (2015-2018) University of California, Davis.

Student Representative. Faculty Search Committee for two dual-department hires (2017):

- Assistant Professor of Social Science and Applied Ethics of Animal-Based Food Systems
Departments of Human Ecology and Animal Science
- (Open-Rank) Professor of Social Science and Political Ecology of Animal Agriculture Departments
of Human Ecology and Animal Science

Officer. GLOBAL: The Graduate Student Association of the Geography Graduate Group. (2016-2017)
University of California, Davis.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Geographers

Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Gupta, Clare. "Food policy councils are emerging as a model to address gaps in local policies." University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources. February 19, 2019. Available at:

<https://ucanr.edu/News/?routeName=newsstory&postnum=29361>

Nelson, Diane. "Preserving California Rangelands." Outlook Magazine. UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Fall/Winter 2018. pg. 14-15. Available at:

<https://ucdavis.github.io/caes3dissue/Outlook-Fall18>. Accessed 5 Oct. 2018.

Nelson, Diane. "Change on the Range." UC Davis: Science & Climate. Oct. 2, 2018. Available at:

<https://climatechange.ucdavis.edu/news/change-on-the-range>. Accessed 5 Oct. 2018.

Shared via:

- Daily Democrat. <https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2018/10/29/women-ranchers-bringing-change-to-the-range/>
- California Rangeland Conservation Coalition Linkages Newsletter (Nov. 17)
- California Wool Growers Association Jan/Feb 2019 Newsletter
- CALCan twitter (Nov. 21)

ADDITIONAL DISTINCTIONS

Judge for The Good Food Awards, chocolate category. Good Food Foundation. San Francisco, CA.
September 17, 2017.

University of Georgia Honor's Program. 2004-2008.