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Education

- 2019-2024
(Expected) **Ph.D. in Public Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN**
Environmental Policy and Policy Analysis
Committee: James Farmer (chair), Shellye Suttles, Landon Yoder, Nikolaos Ziropiannis, Jerome Dumortier
Dissertation: Discretion and Inequity in Farmer Programs
- 2018 **B.A., Colby College, Waterville, ME**
Environmental Policy and Government double major, with Honors
Thesis: Biodiversity Conservation as an Adaptation Strategy in Response to Climatic and Economic Shifts: Species Stewardship in Sacred Forests and Smallholder Crop Fields in Eastern Africa

Publications

1. **Zebrowski, W.**, Farmer, J., Bruce, A., Giroux, S., Dickinson, S., Chen, X., O'Donnell, M., and Benjamin, T. (2023). Use of Narratives to Communicate Organics with Commodity Grain Farmers. *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*. (ACCEPTED)
2. **Zebrowski, W.** and Memmott, T. (2022). Mobilization Momentum: A Network Approach to Temporal Variation in Environmental Movements. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 93. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2022.102835>
3. Gazley, B., Fulton, B., **Zebrowski, W.** and King, D. (2022). Congregations, Climate Change, and Disaster Response. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*, 33(1): 157-178. <https://doi.org/10.1002/nml.21503>
4. Otieno, G., **Zebrowski, W.**, Recha, J. and Reynolds, T. (2021). Gender and Social Seed Networks for Climate Change Adaptation: Evidence from Bean, Finger Millet, and Sorghum Seeds Systems in East Africa. *Sustainability*, 13(4): 2074. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su13042074>

Extension Reports

1. O'Donnell, M., **Zebrowski, W.**, Farmer, J., and Benjamin, T. 2021. Indiana Organic Grain Production: Cases to Consider. Purdue University Extension. <https://projects.sare.org/wp-content/uploads/Indiana-Organic-Grain-Production-Cases-to-Consider.pdf>

Manuscripts under Review

1. **Zebrowski, W.** and Reynolds, T. Consumed from within? Social and ecological drivers of internal clearings in Ethiopian Orthodox Church Forests.

Works in Progress

1. The Impact of Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program
2. The Racial Gap in Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program

3. Quantifying Discrimination in USDA Farm Assistance Implementation
4. Transportation Safety Policy's Impact on Truck Transportation Costs.
with Shellye Suttles, Tara Wade, and Lurleen Walters
5. The Seed, Information, and Relations Network (SIRN) Framework: Adapting SES to Farmer Peer Networks.
with Felipe Bravo Peña
6. Reynolds, T., and Otieno, G. Seed Selection in Response to Climate Change by Farmers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania: The Impacts of Seed Networks and Information Access.
with Travis Reynolds and Gloria Otieno

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

Total Funding Awarded: \$172,795

Grants

2022-23 Sustainability Research Development Grant, Indiana University. (\$9,995)
with Bravo Pena, F.

Fellowships

2021-24 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. (\$138,000)
2021-22 Ostrom Fellowship, The Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University. (\$19,000)
Summer 2021 Merit-Based Summer Fellowship, Paul H. O'Neill School. (\$1,000)
2017 Cal Mackenzie Fellowship, Colby College. (\$3,000)

Awards

2023 Sunbelt 2023 INSNA Student Member Travel Award. (\$1,800)
2018 Colby College Hollis Award
2017 Pi Sigma Alpha

Research Interests

Policy Analysis, Environmental Policy, Agricultural Economics, Equity & Discrimination, Network Analysis

Teaching Interests

Food Policy, Policy Analysis, Environmental Policy, Statistics

Teaching

Indiana University

Spring 2023 SPEA-V 413 Food Systems and Community Resilience
Spring 2021 SPEAV-V 607 Statistics for Research in Public Affairs II (Tutor)

June 2023

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Fall 2020 SPEA-P 710 Introduction to Microeconomics (Tutor)

Colby College

Spring 2018 Political Economy of Regionalism (Teaching Assistant)

2017 – 2018 Introduction to GIS (Teaching Assistant)

Professional Experience

2019 – 2021 Research Assistant, Dr. James Farmer, Indiana University

2020 Research Assistant, Dr. Shellye Suttles, Indiana University

Summer 2020 Research Assistant, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University

2019 – 2020 Research Assistant, Dr. Beth Gazley, Indiana University

2016 – 2018 Research Assistant, Research Experience for Undergraduates in Ethiopia, Dr. Travis Reynolds, Colby College

August 2017 Research Assistant, Dr. Gloria Otieno, Bioversity International, Uganda

Fall 2016 Research Collaborator, Icelandic Meteorological Office

Conference Participation

Zebrowski, W.* (2023, July 24). Impacts and Drivers of Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program. The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Washington DC. (ACCEPTED)

Zebrowski, W.* and Bravo, Felipe P. (2023, June 28). The Multiplex Farmer Network (MFN) Framework. Sunbelt 2023, International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA), Portland, OR. (ACCEPTED)

Zebrowski, W.* (2023, May 24). Exploring the Racial Gap in Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program. Conference on Economics of Inequity in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Systems, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.

Zebrowski, W. (2023, May 10). The Impact of County Boards on Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program. Duck Family Graduate Workshop, Seattle, WA.

Zebrowski, W.* and Suttles, S. (2022, Nov. 18). Understanding the Effects of Transportation Safety Policy on Agricultural Supply Chains. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), Washington DC.

Zebrowski, W. and Suttles, S.* (2022, Oct. 18). Understanding the Effects of Transportation Safety Policy on Agricultural Supply Chains. Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS), Washington DC.

Zebrowski, W.* (2022, Feb. 25). Quantifying Discriminative Allocation in USDA Farm Assistance. O'Neill Ph.D. Student Association (OPSA) 22nd Annual Conference. Bloomington, IN.

Zebrowski, W.* (2021, Dec. 8). The Seed, Information, and Relations Network (SIRN) Framework: An interdisciplinary framework for farmer seed network research. Food Commons in Europe and Beyond, International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC). Online Conference.

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Gazley, B., Fulton, B., **Zebrowski, W.*** and King, D. (2021, July 12-15). Congregations, Climate Change, and Disaster Response. International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR). Online conference.

Zebrowski, W.*, Otieno, G., and Reynolds, T. (2021, June 29-July 2). Seed Selection in Response to Climate Change by Farmers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania: The Impacts of Seed Networks and Information Access. The International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research (ICABR), Ravello, Italy. (Online)

Zebrowski, W.* and Memmott, T. (2021, Mar. 25). Mobilization Momentum: A Network Approach to Temporal Variation in Environmental Movements. The Association of O'Neill PhD Students (AOPS) 21st Annual Conference. Bloomington, IN.

Gazley, B., Fulton, B., **Zebrowski, W.*** and King, D. (2020, Nov. 11-13). Congregations, Climate Change, and Disaster Response. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Online conference.

Suttles, S.* and **Zebrowski, W.** (2020, Oct. 12-13). As an agricultural state, how can Indiana's entrepreneurs and policymakers take advantage of new food manufacturing trends? An economic analysis of Indiana's recent food manufacturing growth. Food Distribution Research Society. Online conference.

Zebrowski, W.*, Otieno, G., and Reynolds, T. (2020, Feb. 28). Social Seed Networks and Climate Change Adaptation: Exchanges of Seed and Information among Farmers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Association of SPEA PhD Students (ASPS) 20th Annual Conference. Bloomington, IN.

Zebrowski, W.*, Reynolds, T., and Wassie, A. (2018, July 1-5). Sustained From Within? Social and Ecological Drivers of Expanding Internal Clearings in Ethiopian Orthodox Church Forests. Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation. Kuching, Malaysia.

Zebrowski, W.*, Otieno, G., and Reynolds, T. (2018, June 23). Social Seed Networks and Climate Change Adaptation: Exchanges of Seed and Information among Farmers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences. Washington D.C.

Zebrowski, W.* (2018, Jan. 1-3). Sustained From Within? Social and Ecological Drivers of Expanding Internal Clearings in Ethiopian Orthodox Church Forests. International Society of Tropical Foresters. New Haven, CT.

Zebrowski, W.*, Lacasse, H., Oteino, G., Reynolds, T., LaValle, N., Baker-Wacks, E., Klein, E. and Backstrand, S.* (2017, Nov. 2-4). Social Seed Networks & Climate Change Adaptation in East Africa. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management. Chicago, IL.

Zebrowski, W.* (2017, June 21-27). Consumed From Within: Social and Ecological Drivers of Expanding Internal Clearings in Ethiopian Orthodox Church Forests from 1960 to Present. Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences. Tucson, AZ.

Professional Service

Spring 2023	Graduate Student Representative, Student Academic Appointee Affairs Committee, Bloomington Faculty Council
2023	Honors Student Mentor, O'Neill School for Public and Environmental Affairs
2020 – 2023	President, Treasurer, Representative, O'Neill PhD Student Association, Indiana University
2020 – 2022	Anti-Racism Committee, Sustainable Food Systems Science, Indiana University

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April 2022, 2021	Session Chair, Honors Thesis Symposium, Indiana University
April 2022	Fischer Fellowship Selection Committee, O'Neill School for Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University
February 2022,	Organizer, O'Neill PhD Student Association Student Conference, Indiana University
December 2021	World Commons Week 2021 Organizing Committee, International Association for the Study of the Commons
March 2021	Co-Chair, The Association of O'Neill PhD Students 21st Annual Conference, Indiana University
2020	Coordinator, Food Systems Reading Group, Indiana University
2017 – 2018	Student Representative, Colby College Board of Trustees
2017 – 2018	Student Representative, Environmental Studies Student Advisory Committee, Colby College

Academic Affiliations

The National Science Foundation
The Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington
Sustainable Food Systems Science Research Group, Indiana University, Bloomington
The Food Institute, Indiana University, Bloomington
The Center for the Analysis of Social-Ecological Landscapes (CASEL), Indiana University, Bloomington