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### Education

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**Doctor of Philosophy:** Sociology and Environmental Science and Policy 2021 (expected)  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
*Specialization:* Animal Studies: Social Science and Humanities Perspectives

*Dissertation Title:* Social and Environmental Influences on Subjective Well-Being  
*Dissertation Committee:* Thomas M. Dietz (Chair), Richard E. Lucas,  
Linda Kalof, and Aaron M. McCright

**Master of Science:** Rural Sociology 2016  
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

**Bachelor of Arts:** Sociology 2011  
The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
Summa Cum Laude  
*Minor:* Program in the Environment

### Areas of Interest

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- Environmental Sociology
- Animals and Society
- Subjective Well-Being
- Natural Resource Sociology
- Demography
- Social Psychology
- Survey Methodology
- Geospatial Analysis

### Research Experience

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Graduate Research Assistant, Social and Contextual Predictors of Subjective Well-Being, with Dr. Thomas Dietz, Michigan State University. 2019-2020

Graduate Research Assistant, Kellogg Biological Station 2017  
Long-Term Ecological Research Program,  
with Dr. Sandra Marquart-Pyatt, Michigan State University.

Graduate Research Assistant, The MSU State of the State Survey, 2015-2016  
with Dr. Thomas Dietz, Michigan State University.

- Graduate Research Assistant, The Marcellus Shale Impacts Study, 2013-2015  
with Dr. Kathryn J. Brasier, The Pennsylvania State University.
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, Americanness, Masculinity, and Whiteness: 2010-2011  
How Michigan Militia Men Navigate Evolving Social Norms,  
with Dr. Amy Cooter, The University of Michigan.

## **Publications**

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### ***Peer-Reviewed Articles***

- Suchyta, Mark. 2021. "Environmental Values and Americans' Beliefs about Farm Animal Well-Being." *Agriculture and Human Values*.
- Suchyta, Mark. 2020. "Sense of Place as a Predictor of Beliefs about Energy Development: A Study in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale." *Energy Research & Social Science* 70:101635.
- Suchyta, Mark, and Timothy W. Kelsey. 2018. "Employment and Compensation in the Marcellus Shale Gas Boom: What Stays Local?" *Rural and Community Development* 13(4):87-106.

### ***Book Chapters***

- Brasier, Kathryn J., Lisa Davis, Leland Glenna, Timothy W. Kelsey, Diane K. McLaughlin, Kai Schafft, Kristin Babbie, Catharine Biddle, Anne DeLessio-Parson, Danielle Rhubart, and Mark Suchyta. 2014. "Communities Experiencing Shale Gas Development". In *Economics of Unconventional Shale Gas Development*, edited by W.E. Hefley and Y. Wang. New York: Springer Science and Business.

### ***Book Reviews***

- Suchyta, Mark. 2015. "Review of Alasdair Cochrane's *Animal Rights Without Liberation: Applied Ethics and Human Obligations*." *Between the Species* 18(1):102-106.

### ***Technical Reports***

- Kamath, Dipti, Nicholas Kiulia, Haoyang Li, Mark Suchyta, and Yaunchenxi Zhang. 2017. "Managing California's Groundwater Under SGMA: Implications for a Sustainable Future." *ESPPulse*, Spring 2007:24-35. Environmental Science and Policy Program. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University.

Brasier, Kathryn, Raeven Chandler, Leland Glenna, Arielle Hesse, Timothy Kelsey, Shannon Monnat, Joshua Perchinski, Kai Schafft, and Mark Suchyta. 2017. *The Marcellus Shale Impacts Study Wave 2: Chronicling Social and Economic Change in Northern and Southwestern Pennsylvania*. Harrisburg, PA: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

Glenna, Leland, and Mark Suchyta. 2017. *Measuring Agricultural Changes Related to Marcellus Shale Development*. Harrisburg, PA: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

Monnat, Shannon M., Danielle Ely, Mark Suchyta, Raeven Faye Chandler, and Arielle Hesse. 2017. *Health Insurance Coverage, Health Care Utilization, and Health Outcomes Within the Context of Marcellus Shale Development*. Harrisburg, PA: The Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

### ***Other Publications***

Suchyta, Mark. 2020. "Is Animal Welfare Better on Smaller Farms?" *ASA Animals and Society Section Blog*, July 27. (<https://www.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/sites/animals-and-society/blog#smallerfarms>).

### **Talks and Presentations**

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#### ***Conference Presentations***

"Cross-National Environmental Influences on Life Satisfaction." Presented at the 2021 International Association for Society and Natural Resources Conference, June 22, 2021, Online.

"Cross-National Environmental Influences on Life Satisfaction." Presented at the 2021 Michigan State University Environmental Science and Policy Program Spring Research Colloquium, April 1, 2021, Online.

"The Importance of Appealing to Values in Animal Liberation Activism." Presented at the 2020 Students for Critical Animal Studies Conference, March 14, 2020, Online.

"Environmental Values and Americans' Beliefs about Farm Animal Well-Being." Presented at the 2019 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 12, 2019, New York, NY.

"Sense of Place as a Predictor of Beliefs about Energy Development: A Study in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale." Presented at the 2019 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, June 4, 2019, Oshkosh, WI.

"Understanding Sense of Place in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale." Presented at the Michigan State University Environment Graduate Student Showcase. March 30, 2017, East Lansing, MI.

“Employment and Compensation in the Marcellus Shale Gas Boom: What Stays Local?”  
Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Annual Meetings, August 9, 2016,  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

“Sense of Place and Attitudes about Natural Resource and Energy Development: A Case Study  
in Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale.” Presented at the Rural Sociological Society  
Annual Meetings, August 7, 2015, Madison, WI.

“Understanding Sense of Place in Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale.” Presented at the  
Pennsylvania State University Rural Studies Conference, February 13, 2015,  
State College, PA.

### ***Organized or Moderated Panels***

“Arid Lands Conservation and Management”. Moderated Session at the International  
Association for Society and Natural Resources Conference, June 21, 2021, Online.

### ***Other Talks and Presentations***

“Understanding Sense of Place in Pennsylvania’s Marcellus Shale.” Presented at the  
Pennsylvania State University Rural Sociology Brownbag Series, March 20, 2015,  
State College, PA.

## **Teaching Experience**

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### ***As Instructor at Michigan State University***

Sociology 412: Animals, People, and Nature (24 students) (Online)	Summer 2020
Sociology 100: Introduction to Sociology (79 students) (Online)	Summer 2018
Sociology 131: Social Problems (50 students) (Online)	Summer 2017

### ***As Teaching Assistant at Michigan State University***

Sociology 282: Methods of Social Research II (57 students)	Spring 2019
Sociology 281: Methods of Social Research I (91 students)	Fall 2018
Sociology 282: Methods of Social Research II (62 students)	Spring 2018
Sociology 282: Methods of Social Research II (74 students)	Spring 2017
Sociology 220: Criminology (83 students)	Fall 2016
Sociology 100: Introduction to Sociology (80 students) (Online)	Summer 2016

*As Undergraduate Facilitator at The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Sociology 389: Practicum in Sociology (16 students) Winter 2011  
A service-learning course which involved volunteering with a local homeless relief organization as well as weekly meetings for discussion of experiences and readings.

*Invited Guest Lectures*

“Survey Methods.” Presented as a Guest Lecturer for Sociology 282: Social Research Methods II at Michigan State University, April 4 and 9, 2018, East Lansing, MI.

**Honors, Awards, Fellowships, and Grants**

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*Research Awards*

Jane Goodall Award for Graduate Student Scholarship, 2020  
Animals and Society Section of the American Sociological Association.  
Paper Title: “Environmental Values and Americans’ Beliefs about Farm Animal Well-Being”.

*Teaching Awards*

College of Social Science Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching Award, 2020-2021  
Michigan State University, \$500.

*Research Fellowships and Grants*

College of Social Science Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2021  
Michigan State University, \$9,000.

Graduate Office Fellowship Dissertation Research Grant, 2020  
Michigan State University, \$2,300.

Department of Sociology Summer Publishing Fellowship, 2019  
Michigan State University, \$6,500.

Environmental Science and Policy Program Doctoral Recruiting Fellowship, 2015-2016  
Michigan State University, \$25,000.

*Travel Grants*

Animal Studies Graduate Specialization Travel Funding Award, 2019  
Michigan State University, \$1,027.

Graduate Office Fellowship Travel Grant, 2019  
Michigan State University, \$700.

Graduate Office Fellowship Travel Grant, 2016  
Michigan State University, \$1,200.

***Education Grants***

Animal Studies Graduate Specialization Education Award, 2019  
Michigan State University, \$1,700.

Graduate Office Fellowship Education Grant, 2017  
Michigan State University. \$3,000.

***Service Awards***

Council of Graduate Students Circle Award for Service, 2017  
Michigan State University.

**Professional Service and Membership**

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***Service to Profession***

Council Member (elected), Animals and Society Section, 2021-present  
American Sociological Association

*Occasional Reviewer for*  
Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics 2021-present

***Service to University***

Graduate Dean's Student Advisory Council, Michigan State University,  
Environmental Science and Policy Program Representative 2018-2019

Council of Graduate Students, Michigan State University,  
Department of Sociology Representative 2016-2017  
Graduate Welfare Committee 2016-2017  
Interdisciplinary Leadership Award Committee 2017

***Service to Department***

Rural Sociology Graduate Association, The Pennsylvania State University,  
Secretary 2014-2015  
Conference Committee 2014-2015  
Training Committee 2014-2015

Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education,  
The Pennsylvania State University, Seminar Committee 2014-2015

### ***Other Service***

Healthcare Bargaining Co-Leader, 2015  
Michigan State University Graduate Employees' Union.

### ***Professional Organization Membership***

American Sociological Association,	2015-present
Animals and Society Section	2015-present
Environment, Technology and Society Section	2015-present
Sociology of Development Section	2021-present
International Association of Society and Natural Resources	2019-present
The Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society	2021-present
Rural Sociological Society,	2014-present
Natural Resource Research and Interest Group	2014-present
Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research and Interest Group	2014-present
North Central Sociological Association	2021-present
Michigan State University Graduate Employees' Union	2015-present

## **Skills and Training**

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### ***Software Familiarity***

#### ***General***

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft PowerPoint
- Adobe Acrobat
- Mendeley

#### ***Quantitative***

- SPSS
- STATA
- SAS (moderate)
- Qualtrics

#### ***Geospatial***

- ArcGIS (moderate)

## ***Methods Courses Completed***

### *At Michigan State University*

PSY 992: Seminar in Psychology: Multi-level Modelling	Spring 2020
SOC 985: Qualitative Field Research	Fall 2017
SOC 882: Analysis of Social Data II	Spring 2016
UP 424: GIS and Design Tools for Urban Planning	Fall 2015

### *At the Pennsylvania State University*

RSOC 573: Methods of Survey Data Analysis	Spring 2015
RSOC 513: Methods in the Rural Social Sciences	Spring 2014
FOR 565: GIS for Landscape Analysis	Fall 2013

## ***Methods Trainings Attended***

Panel Data Analysis Using Stata (Online), Stata Corp.	November 2020
Structural Equation Modelling Using Stata (Online), Stata Corp.	November 2020
Working with Dates and Times in Stata (Online), Stata Corp.	October 2020
Structural Equation Models and Latent Variables: An Introduction. ICPSR Summer Program, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.	July 2019

## ***Teaching Trainings Attended***

Summer Online Teaching Tutorial (Online), Michigan State University	April 2020
Summer Online Teaching Tutorial, Michigan State University	April 2018
New Teaching Assistant Institute, Michigan State University	August 2016

## ***Other Relevant Experience***

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### ***Employment Experience***

<i>Edible Avalon</i> Community Garden Program Coordinator, Ann Arbor, MI.	2013
<i>Interfaith Hospitality Network</i> Family Shelter Aide, Ann Arbor, MI.	2011-2013
<i>Michigan Ability Partners</i> Employment and Vocational Coach, Ann Arbor, MI.	2011-2012



***Volunteer Experience***

*Huron River Watershed Council* 2010-2013  
Watershed Monitoring Volunteer, Ann Arbor, MI.

*Ozone House Youth and Family Services* 2010-2011  
Crisis Line Volunteer, Ann Arbor, MI.

***Other Trainings Completed***

Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener Program, 2013