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Education

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*Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI*

**Doctor of Philosophy (expected)** 2023

**Master of Arts: Sociology** 2021

Specialization in Animal Studies 2021

Specialization in Women's and Gender Studies 2021

*Canisius College, Buffalo, NY*

**Master of Science: Anthrozoology** 2017

*Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI*

**Master of Arts: Mathematics** 2014

*Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI*

**Bachelor of Science: Mathematics** 2011

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Publications

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Books

Poirier, Nathan, Sarah Tomasello, and Amber E. George (Eds.). (under contract). *Expanding the Critical Animal Studies Imagination: Essays on Solidarity and Total Liberation*. Peter Lang. Peter Lang.

Tomasello, Sarah, Erin Jones, Mark Suchyta, and Nathan Poirier (Eds.). (under contract). *Exploring Topics of Non/Human Coexistence: Passion, Presence, Praxis*. Lantern Publishing and Media.

Poirier, Nathan, Anthony J. Nocella II, and Annie Bernatchez (Eds.). 2022. *Emerging New Voices in Critical Animal Studies: Vegan Studies for Total Liberation*. Peter Lang.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Poirier, Nathan. (accepted) "‘It would be funny if it wasn't horrifying’: A Discourse Analysis of the 2019 Conscious Eating Conference Debate on Cell-Based Meat." *Humanity & Society*.

Poirier, Nathan. 2023 (forthcoming) "Three Sociological Paradoxes of Eating Animals." *Student Journal for Vegan Sociology* 2.

Poirier, Nathan. 2023 (forthcoming). "Internal Disagreements and Debates among Stakeholders of Alternative Animal Products." *Michigan Sociological Review*.

Poirier, Nathan. 2022. "The Intertwining of Cellular Agriculture and Animal Agriculture: History, Materiality, Ideology, and Collaboration" *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*. 6:907621. doi: 10.3389/fsufs.2022.907621

- Poirier, Nathan. 2022. "The Lamb with Ear Tag #8710: Suffering as 'Good Welfare' in Animal Science." Pp. 41-54 in *Critical Animal Studies and Social Justice: Critical Theory, Dismantling Speciesism, and Total Liberation*, edited by A. Nocella II and A. E. George. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Poirier, Nathan, Annie Bernatchez, and Anthony J. Nocella II. 2022. "Introduction: Dismantling Speciesism for a Total Liberation." Pp. 1-8 in *Emerging New Voices in Critical Animal Studies: Vegan Studies for Total Liberation*, edited by N. Poirier, A. J. Nocella II, and A. Bernatchez. Peter Lang.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2021. "Learning to Exploit: The Socialization of Animal Science Undergraduates." *Sociological Inquiry* 91(4):940-961.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2021. "Alternative Animal Products: Protection Rhetoric or Protection Racket?" *Journal for Critical Animal Studies* 18(3):27-54.
- Tomasello, Sarah, April Piazza, and Nathan Poirier. 2021. "Reproduction or the Lack Thereof: A Mode of Oppression, A Means to Liberation?" Pp. 145-162 in *Gender and Sexuality in Critical Animal Studies*, edited by A. E. George. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2020. "Connections between Science Denial and the Power Elite." *Social Moments: A Student Journal of Social Relations* 2:1-14.
- Poirier, Nathan, and Joshua Russell. 2019. "Does In Vitro Meat Constitute Animal Liberation?" *The Journal of Animal Ethics* 9(2):199-211.
- Poirier, Nathan, Rebecca Carden, Hilary McIlroy, and Courtney Moran. 2019. "Straight from the Horse's Mouth: Fauna-Criticism and *Black Beauty*." *Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal* 4(1):1-16.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2018. "The Continued Devaluation of Vegetarianism in Light of In Vitro Meat." *Journal for Critical Animal Studies* 15(5):3-27.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2018. "Technical Difficulties: Toward a Critical, Reflexive Stance on In Vitro Meat" *Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal* 3(2):1-18.
- Tomasello, Sarah, and Nathan Poirier. 2018. "The Intersectionality of Wildlife Conservation and Indigenous Rights." *Green Theory and Praxis* 11(1):18-34.
- Poirier, Nathan, and Sarah Tomasello. 2017. "Polar Similar: Intersections of Anthropology and Conservation." *Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal* 3(1):1-20.
- Poirier, Nathan, and Michael McDaniel. 2012. "Alhazen's Hyperbolic Billiard Problem." *Involve: A Journal of Mathematics* 5(3):273-282.

## Book Reviews

- Poirier, Nathan. 2022. "Two Books by Marquis Bey." *Journal for Critical Animal Studies* 19(2):84-90.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2022. "Review of *Radical Animal Studies: Beyond Respectability Politics, Opportunism, and Cooptation*." *Journal for Critical Animal Studies* 19(1):85-91.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2022. "Review of *Environmental and Animal Abuse Denial: Averting Our Gaze*." *Trace: Journal for Human-Animal Studies* 8:178-181.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2021. "Joint Review of *Anarchism and Ecological Economics* and *Utopia in the Anthropocene*." *Ecological Economics* 189:1-2.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2021. "Protection, Care, and Activism." Issue Introduction to *Journal for Critical Animal Studies* 18(3):1-3.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2021. "Review of *Gender Violence in Ecofeminist Perspective: Intersections between Animal Oppression, Patriarchy and Domination of the Earth*." *Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal* 5(1):1-2.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2020. "Raw Veganism: The Philosophy of the Human Diet." *Trace: Journal for Human-Animal Studies* 6:98-100.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2020. "On a Popular-Cultural Veganism: *Thinking Veganism in Literature and Culture: Toward a Vegan Theory*." *The Journal of Popular Culture* 53(1):235-237.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2019. "*The Mythology of the Animal Farm in Children's Literature*." *The Lion and the Unicorn* 43(1):143-146.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2019. "*And This Little Piggy Had None: Challenging the Dominant Discourse of Farmed Animals in Children's Picturebooks*." *Children's Literature Association Quarterly* 44(3):351-353.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2019. "Meat Culture." *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies* 19(1).
- Poirier, Nathan. 2018. "*Critical Perspectives on Veganism*." *Journal for Critical Animal Studies* 15(5): 28-36.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2018. "Anarchy and Anthrozoology." *Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal* 3(2): 1-5.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2018. "From Disability to Eco-ability." *Animal Studies Journal* 7(1):330-333.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2018. "Historical Geographies of Anarchism." *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. (<https://antipodefoundation.org/book-reviews/>).

- Poirier, Nathan. 2018. "Personal Causes and Consequences of Veganism: Griffin's *Understanding Veganism*." *Qualitative Sociology Review* XIV(1):140-142.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2017. "Geographies of Meat: Politics, Economy, and Culture." *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. (<https://antipodefoundation.org/book-reviews/>).
- Poirier, Nathan. 2017. "Meat's Evolution through Revolution." *Anthrozoos* 30(3):525-527.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2016. "Mourning Animals: Rituals and Practices Surrounding Animal Death." *Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal* 2(4):1-5.
- Poirier, Nathan. 2016. "Review of *Culture and Conservation: Beyond Anthropocentrism*." *Journal of Ecological Anthropology* 18(1).

### In Development

- McNeill, Zane, and Nathan Poirier. (accepted). "Ida B. Wells' Historical and Contemporary Legacy, and Relevance to Critical Animal Studies." *Expanding the Critical Animal Studies Imagination: Essays on Solidarity and Total Liberation*, edited by N. Poirier, S. Tomasello, and A. E. George. Peter Lang.
- Poirier, Nathan, and Simon Springer. (accepted). "Listening to and Learning with African Anarchism, Black Anarchism, and Anarcho-Blackness." *Expanding the Critical Animal Studies Imagination: Essays on Solidarity and Total Liberation*, edited by N. Poirier, S. Tomasello, and A. E. George. Peter Lang.
- Poirier, Nathan. (accepted). "Create Meat, Though the World May Perish: A Vegan Critique of In Vitro Meat and Clean Milk." *Expanding the Critical Animal Studies Imagination: Essays on Solidarity and Total Liberation*, edited by N. Poirier, S. Tomasello, and A. E. George. Peter Lang.
- Poirier, Nathan. (accepted). "Black Anarchy through Urban Agriculture as an Alternative and Resistance to State-Regulated Cell-Based Meat." Tomasello, Sarah, Erin Jones, Mark Suchyta, and Nathan Poirier (Eds.). *Exploring Topics of Non/Human Coexistence: Passion, Presence, Praxis*. Lantern Publishing and Media.
- Poirier, Nathan. (under review) "Veganism As A(n) (Overlooked) Component of Anarchafeminism." *Green Theory and Praxis*.

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### Professional Involvement

Co-director of Students for Critical Animal Studies **Nov. 2019-Apr. 2023**

- help plan and facilitate a yearly social justice, student-centered conference

*Animalia: An Anthrozoology Journal* **May 2016-Aug. 2021**  
 Editorial Board Member  
 Review anthrozoological papers, suggest edits, contribute to publication decisions

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### Presentations

*Tinkering with Technology while the World Burns: A Content Analysis* **Mar. 2023**

*of the Good Food Conferences on Alternative Animal Products*  
North Central Sociological Association

*Where Might Critical Animal Studies Go From Here?* **Nov. 2022**  
Institute for Critical Animal Studies Conference

*Eco-Ability, Critical Animal Studies, and My Experiences with the Medical-Industrial Complex* **Nov. 2022**  
8th Annual Eco-Ability Conference

*Sustainable Savior or Humane Hoax? A Discourse Analysis of the 2019 Conscious Eating Conference Debate on Cell-Based Meat* **Nov. 2022**  
Michigan Sociological Association

*Veganism as a(n) (Overlooked) Component of Anarchafeminism* **Aug. 2022**  
Anarchist Studies Conference 7: Anarchist Futures

*Is Cellular Agriculture Different from Animal Agriculture?* **Mar. 2022**  
American Association of Geographers (special session: The Social Implications of Cellular Agriculture)

*Alternative Animal Products: Protection Rhetoric or Protection Racket?* **Aug. 2021**  
American Sociological Association Annual Conference

*Links between In Vitro Meat and Animal Agriculture* **Apr. 2021**  
Michigan State University Sociology Department Research Symposium

*In Vitro Meat: Protection Rhetoric or Protection Racket?* **Nov. 2020**  
Institute for Critical Animal Studies Conference

*The Socialization of Animal Science Undergraduates through the Construction of Animal Welfare* **Aug. 2020**  
American Sociological Association Annual Conference

*The Social Construction of Animal Welfare in Introductory Animal Science* **Apr. 2019**  
Michigan State University Sociology Department Research Symposium

*In Vitro Meat as Environmental Techno-fix* **Feb. 2019**  
Library Environmental Committee, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

*Intersectional Veganism* **Aug. 2018**

*Beyond the Link: Connections between Eating Animals and Violence* **Mar. 2016**

*Intersectionality: What It Is and Why It's Important for Social Justice* **Nov. 2015**  
Presented for Vegan Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

*Symmetries and Conservation Laws in Physics and Mathematics II*

*Symmetries and Conservation Laws in Physics and Mathematics I*  
Analysis Seminar, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI **Apr. 2014**

*Alhazen's Hyperbolic Billiard Problem*

- Rose-Hulman Undergraduate Research Conference, Terre Haute, IN **Mar. 2011**
- Michigan Undergraduate Research Conference, Grand Rapids, MI **Oct. 2010**

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Awards and Honors

Passed comprehensive exams "with distinction" **2022**  
Determined by unanimous vote of graduate committee

Tyke Scholar of the Year **2019**  
Awarded by the Institute for Critical Animal Studies

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Conferences Organized

*Students for Critical Animal Studies* **2019-2023**

- Annual event for the Institute for Critical Animal Studies
- Co-organizer and facilitator of student-centered, intersectional critical social justice event
- created and distributed call for presentations and event promotion
- correspond with presenters from around the world

*Rewild!: Protecting All Life* **Apr. 2015**

- Lead organizer for event at Aquinas College on human, animal, and environmental social interactions
- Secured Dr. Marc Bekoff as keynote speaker
- Recruited speakers from four Michigan Colleges & Universities
- Partnered with academic departments and student clubs in planning, fundraising, and outreach to the Aquinas College and Grand Rapids community

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Teaching Experience

*Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI* **Aug. 2018-Present**

**Teaching Assistant, Level III**

- CJ/SOC 220 Criminology (1x), SOC 215 Race and Ethnicity (1x), SOC 281 Social Research Methods (2x), SOC 282 Quantitative Analysis for Social Research (2x), SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology (2x)

**Instructor** **2021-2023**

- SOC 252 Introduction to Environmental Sociology (2x, Summer 2022, Summer 2023)
  - create syllabus, material, monitor discussion boards, grade assignments
- SOC 412 Animals, People, and Nature (1x, Summer 2021)
  - create syllabus, material, monitor discussion boards, grade assignments

*Lansing Community College, Lansing, MI* **Nov. 2016-Present**

**Adjunct Professor of Mathematics**

- Courses taught: STAT 170 Introductory Statistics (5x), Math 151 Calculus 1 (2x), Math 121 Precalculus 1 (1x), Math 122 Precalculus 2 (1x), Math 119 Math Applications for Living (5x)
  - Give lectures, create and grade tests and homework

**Professional Tutor****Aug. 2017-Present**

- tutor math from pre-algebra to Calculus 2
- 5-12 hours per week
- private tutoring by appointment

**Teaching Online Certification****Aug. 2020**

- Develop an understanding of D2L and other online tools,
- knowledge of pedagogical approaches, assessment options, educational technology and inclusive student engagement techniques in the online learning environment,
- gained exposure to existing and evolving technologies, including communication and collaboration applications as well as educational technology systems and trends.

*Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI***Aug. 2014 - Dec. 2016****Adjunct Professor of Mathematics**

- courses taught: Statistics (2x), Algebra 2 (1x), Precalculus (2x)
- co-taught a one-time college algebra summer prep course to high-schoolers
- Presented lectures on course material
- Created and graded tests and homework and syllabi

*Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI***Adjunct Professor of Mathematics****Aug. - Dec. 2015**

- Presented lectures and led in-class group work for Algebra 1
- Co-created, assigned and graded homework and exams

**Graduate Teaching Assistant****2012-2014**

- Prepared lectures for Math 1160 Finite Mathematics (2x), Math 2000 Applied Calculus (1x), Math 1100 Algebra 1 (2x)
- Assigned and graded tests and homework

Year 1: Fall 18 - Spring 19

Fall 18	Spring 19
Soc 815 Classical Theory	Soc 882 Analysis of Social Data II
Soc 833 Gender and Power	Soc 885 Methods of Sociological Inquiry
Soc 881 Analysis of Social Data I	Soc 890 Research Practicum in Animal Studies

Year 2: Fall 19 - Spring 20

Fall 19	Spring 20
Csus 811 Comm. Food and Ag. Survey	Soc 816 Contemporary Theory
Csus/Soc 858 Gender and Environment	Soc 985 Qual. Field Research
Soc 840 Animals & Social Transformations	Soc 899 credits (Qualifying paper)

Year 3: Fall 20 - Spring 21

Fall 20	Spring 21
Ans 805 Animal Welfare	Ws/Soc 897 Fem. Theory, Epistem., Pedagogy
Independent study w/ Content Analysis	Anp/Soc 859 Feminist Methods

[Summer 21: Soc 999 credits (3) [3]]

Year 4: Fall 21 - Spring 22

Fall 21	Spring 22
Soc 999 (9 credits [12])	Soc 999 dissertation research (9 credits [21])
Comprehensive exams	Dissertation proposal

Summer 22: [Soc 999 credits (1) [22]]

Year 5: Fall 22 - Spring 23

Fall 22	Spring 23
Soc 999 dissertation research (3 credits [25])	Soc 999 dissertation research (3 credits [28])

Summer 23: ?? Soc 999 credits

Year 6: Fall 23 - Spring 24

Fall 23	Spring 24
Soc 999 dissertation writing (1 credit)	Soc 999 dissertation defense (1 credit)



