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### Education

Ph.D. Sociology, George Mason University, 2016  
M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies (Social Issues), University of Texas at El Paso, 2008  
B.S. Mechanical Engineering Technology, University of New Hampshire, 1992

### Areas of Specialization

Environmental Sociology, Social Inequality, Clean Technology/Sustainability, Bourdeusian Theory, Climate Change - Attitudes, Behavior, and Sustainable Consumption

### Academic Appointments

Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, 2016 - present

*Assistant Professor – Fixed Term*

SOC 362: Developing Societies; SOC 375: Urban Sociology; SOC 488: Sociological Theory

Department of Technology and Society, Stony Brook University, 2016 - 2017

*Postdoctoral Associate*

Manipulate large datasets and conduct quantitative research in fields of energy-environmental systems, technology, and innovation policy. Investigate the socio-technical factors that influence cultural diffusion, institutional behavior, and learning in energy systems change. Evaluate social and spatial distribution of clean technologies in the United States, e.g., electric cars, installed solar capacity, charge points and energy audits. Develop, assess, and suggest new policy tools and options.

Institute for Immigration Research, George Mason University, 2012 - 2014

*Research Assistant*

Quantitatively analyzed the immigrant demographic and economic contribution in the United States. Wrote research briefs and fact sheets to publish and disseminate findings. Specifically analyzed the over representation of immigrants amongst U.S. Nobel Prize Laureates, their positive influences on the U.S. dependency ratio, presence amongst farm workers, and entrepreneurial activity in the U.S. metropolitan restaurant industry.

Franklin University, Columbus, OH, 2009 - 2011

*Adjunct Faculty*

HUMN 305 - Global Issues (three semesters – online)

### Non-Academic Work Experience

No More Deaths, Tucson, AZ, 2010 - 2011

*Volunteer Coordinator*

Coordinated placement of over 200 summer volunteers in a humanitarian effort to end the suffering and death of undocumented migrants in the Sonoran Desert. Strategized with other grassroots groups and allies for a collective response to governmental abuses of migrants. Screened volunteer applicants, managed trainers, trainings, and debriefings.

Charity Center for the Care of AIDS Patients, Ciudad Juárez, México, 2007 - 2010

### *Program Director*

Directed HIV/AIDS prevention and sexual risk behavior education program for residential adults and local area adolescents. Served as grant writer, fundraiser, and networker (raised over \$30,000) for an Italian-based international Catholic charity with 17 sites worldwide ministering to socially marginalized populations.

Annunciation House Inc., El Paso, TX / Ciudad Juárez, México, 2003 - 2007

### *Border Education Director*

Directed the experiential education awareness program for university delegations (18 annually) studying international relations and the socioeconomics of the U.S.-Mexico border. Supervised governmental and NGO presentations and communal dialogues on border policy, narcotics trafficking, labor and gender related issues, immigration, human rights, and environmental issues. Provided hospitality, food, shelter, clothing, and basic health services to undocumented migrants and refugees.

Velcro USA Inc., Manchester, NH, 1997 - 2001

### *Product Development Engineer; Mechanical Engineer*

Developed new products to create or meet existing markets. Engineered product applications for over 15 sales personnel. Administered product advancement and resolved technical issues for a \$1,000,000 account. Patented two new products.

### **Published Articles**

Boucher, J. L. 2017. "The Logics of Frugality: Reproducing Tastes of Necessity among Affluent Climate Change Activists." *Energy Research & Social Science*. Retrieved

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214629617301718>

Boucher, J. L. 2016. "Culture, Carbon, and Climate Change: A Class Analysis of Climate Change Belief, Lifestyle Lock-in, and Personal Carbon Footprint." *Social Ecology: Journal for Environmental Thought and Sociological Research*, 25(1-2):53-80.

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Boucher, J. L. 2016. "The Ten Frugalities of Affluent Climate Activists." *The Sociologist*, September/October 2016. Available: [http://thesociologistdc.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/The-Sociologist-September-2016-FINAL\\_PDF.pdf](http://thesociologistdc.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/The-Sociologist-September-2016-FINAL_PDF.pdf)

Boucher, J. L. 2011. "Greed: A Core Cause of Migration." *Radical Grace: Immigration*. 24(4):6-7. Available: [http://www.sjmmexico.org/uploads/TBL\\_CDOCUMENTOS\\_19\\_2\\_37.pdf](http://www.sjmmexico.org/uploads/TBL_CDOCUMENTOS_19_2_37.pdf)

Boucher, J. L. 2010. "There Will Be Struggle: The Development and Operational Issues of Social Justice Programs at State Universities in the United States of America," *Journal for Critical Education Policy Studies*, Vol. 8, No. 2, pp. 275-310. Available: <http://www.jceps.com/wp-content/uploads/PDFs/08-2-10.pdf>

### **Manuscripts in Review**

Araujo, K., Boucher, J. L., Aphale, O. "Early Adopters in a Clean Energy Transition: Evidence from Electric Vehicle and Solar Photovoltaic Technology in New York."

Boucher, J. L. "The Justice Advocate: Deploying the Habitus and Cultural Toolkit onto Climate Change Activism."

### **Web Publications and Research Briefs**

- Boucher, J. L. 2013. "The Nobel Prize: Honoring Our Immigrants, Honoring Ourselves." *The Huffington Post*. Co-authored with James Witte. Available: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-witte/honoring-our-immigrants\\_b\\_4143981.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-witte/honoring-our-immigrants_b_4143981.html)
- Boucher, J. L. 2013. "Dependents and Dependency: Immigrants and the Future of the American Economy." *The Huffington Post*. Co-authored with James Witte. Available: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-witte/dependents-and-dependency\\_b\\_3543003.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-witte/dependents-and-dependency_b_3543003.html)
- Boucher, J. L. 2013. "Onions, Apples, Tomatoes and Immigration Reform: We Owe It to Ourselves." *The Huffington Post*. Co-authored with James Witte. Available: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-witte/onions-apples-tomatoes-an\\_b\\_2769173.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-witte/onions-apples-tomatoes-an_b_2769173.html)
- Boucher, J. L. 2013. "Build Bridges, Not Fences: Thirty Percent of U.S. Nobel Laureates Are Foreign-born." *The Huffington Post*. Co-authored with James Witte. Available: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-witte/nobel-laureates\\_b\\_2458128.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-witte/nobel-laureates_b_2458128.html)
- Boucher, J. L. 2013. *The Nobel Prize: Excellence among Immigrants*. Institute for Immigration Research. Available: [http://s3.amazonaws.com/chssweb/documents/20864/original/Nobel\\_Prize\\_Research\\_Brief\\_Final.pdf?1447975594](http://s3.amazonaws.com/chssweb/documents/20864/original/Nobel_Prize_Research_Brief_Final.pdf?1447975594)
- Boucher, J. L. 2013. *Dependents and Dependency: Immigrants and the Future of the US Economy*. Institute for Immigration Research. Available: [http://s3.amazonaws.com/chssweb/documents/22314/original/dependency\\_research\\_brief\\_final\\_pdf.pdf?1466695498](http://s3.amazonaws.com/chssweb/documents/22314/original/dependency_research_brief_final_pdf.pdf?1466695498)

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

- Boucher, J. L. "Cars, Climate Change, and the Politics of Place."
- Boucher, J. L. "There's No Gap! Resolving the Attitude-Behavior Gap by Casting a Larger Net into the Pool of Worry."
- Boucher, J. L. "How Shall We Measure 'Progress?': A Comparative Analysis of Environmental and Developmental Indices."

### **Academic Presentations**

- 2017 Motor Vehicle Emissions and Neighborhood Effects: Examining the Nexus of Climate Change Beliefs, Automobile Emissions, and the Politics of Place. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2017 Geo-Spatial Adoption of Electric Vehicle Technology: A Socio-technical Assessment of New York State. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA.
- 2017 The Logics of Frugality: Reproducing Tastes of Necessity among Affluent Climate Change Activists. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Cars, Climate Change, and the Politics of Place. Presented at the Katrin B. Anacker Conferences - The Shifting Politics of U.S. Suburbs: Parties, Participation, and Public Opinion in 2016, Arlington, VA
- Carbon Conversations – Workshop/Support Group. Conducted at the 2nd International Conference of the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative, Orono, ME.

- Culture, Carbon, and Climate Change: A Class Analysis of Climate Change Belief and Lifestyle Lock-in. Presented at the 2nd International Conference of the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative, Orono, ME.
- Culture, Carbon, and Climate Change: A Class Analysis of Climate Change Belief, Lifestyle Lock-in, and Personal Carbon Footprints. Presented at the annual conference of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Washington, DC.
- Preparing the Emotional Ground: Climate Change, Transformative Learning, and Coming to Consciousness as Grieving Process. Presented at the annual conference of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Washington, DC.
- Mixed-Methods: Augmenting a Quantitative Sample with In-Depth Interviews. Presented at the annual conference of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, Washington, DC.
- On Love, Power, and Conflict: Non-Violence, Strategy, and the Paradox of Repression. Presented at the annual conference of the Public Sociology Association, Arlington, VA.
- Culture, Carbon, and Climate Change: A Class Analysis of Climate Change Belief and Lifestyle Lock-in. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.
- 2015 Beneath Silences and Middle-Class Hegemony: The Case for Class Hybridity. Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2014 Class, Status, and Climate Change: An Analysis of Climate Change Belief and Green Culture. Presented at the annual conference of the Public Sociology Association, Arlington, VA.
- 2013 The Peruvian Case for Human Ecological Sustainability: An Ethnographic Approach. Presented at the annual conference of the Association for Humanist Sociology, Washington, DC.
- The Science/Policy Gap: Climate Change and Concerted Political Immediacy. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- The Perils of Illegal Entry: Arizona Border Crossings and the Humanitarian Response. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.
- The Impact of Region-of-birth and Time-in-country on the Earnings of Foreign-born Immigrants in the United States. Presented with Lauren Kinne and Bill Roche at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.
- 2012 Social Capital in Adversity: An Autoethnographic Approach. Presented at the annual conference of the Association for Humanist Sociology, Nashville, TN.
- Class Hybridity. Presented at the annual conference of the Public Sociology Association, Fairfax, VA.
- Class Morality: An Emancipatory Project. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2009 There Will Be Struggle: The Development and Operational Issues of Social Justice Programs at State Universities in the United States of America. Presented at the International Conference on Education, Labor, and Emancipation, Salvador, Brazil.

### **Guest Lectures**

Salem State University, March 30, 2016  
SOC 250: Public Sociology - The Perils of Illegal Entry: Arizona Border Crossings and the Humanitarian Response

### **Educational Institutes**

Degrowth Summer School 2014 – Barcelona  
Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain, 2014  
Transatlantic Graduate Exchange Institute on Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Studies  
Utrecht University, Netherlands and Central European University, Hungary, 2008

### **Honors and Awards**

2016 Selection for Erasmus Mundus, NOVA DOMUS-CHEMEDPHO, academic mobility scholarship, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (did not accept)  
2016 Received the Outstanding Early Career Scholar Paper Honorable Mention from the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative  
2014 Accepted into George Mason University's Preparing for Careers in the Academy Program  
2013 Awarded Graduate Student Travel Fund, George Mason University  
2012 Received the Frank Lindenfeld Outstanding Student Paper Award from the Association for Humanist Sociology  
2011 Recipient of the Presidential Scholarship Award, George Mason University 2011-2014  
2008 University of Texas at El Paso, Outstanding Student Award

### **Leadership and Service**

2015 Board of Directors - Climate First!  
2015 Steering Committee Chapter Member – 350.org, Washington, DC  
2015 Editorial Board - Foundations and Resources for Educators Inspired by Reflective Education  
2014 Lead planner for the 4th Annual Public Sociology Conference - (Re)Visions of the Future: Public Sociology, Environmental Justice and the Crisis of Climate Change  
2014 Chapter Member - Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy, Washington, DC.  
2014 Treasurer for the George Mason University Public Sociology Association, 2014-2015  
2013 President of the George Mason Graduate Students Sociological Association, 2013-2014

### **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)  
American Association of Geographers (AAG)

### **Languages**

Proficient Spanish

### **References**

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