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EDUCATION

- MS/PhD** (current) UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT MADISON—Sociology and Community & Environmental Sociology
Committee: Jane Collins (chair), Joshua Garoon, Katherine Curtis, Gay Seidman
- BS** ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY—Sociology (with *Honors*) and Communication Studies, 2017, *Cum Laude* and *Robert G. Bone Scholar*
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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Environmental sociology, work and labor, sociology of economic development, precarity, green-collar economy, waste management and recycling industries, qualitative analysis, ethnography

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2019** Econie, Alexis and Michael L. Dougherty. 2019. Contingent work in the US recycling industry: Permatemps and precarious green jobs." *Geoforum*: 99, 132-141.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.11.016>
- 2018** Sprecher, Susan, Alexis Econie, and Stanislav Treger. 2018. Mate preferences in emerging adulthood and beyond: Age variations in mate preferences and beliefs about change in mate preferences." *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0265407518816880>

Manuscripts in Progress

The Political Economy of Occupational Value: Negotiating Skill and Risk in Waste Remediation

"What are good green jobs?" Encyclopedia entry for the Encyclopedia of Sustainability (Vol. 8)

HONORS & AWARDS

External

- 2017 American Sociological Association Honors Program
 2017 Council on Undergraduate Research Outstanding Achievement in Research Award

Internal

- 2018 First-Year Graduate Research Assistanceship, Community & Environmental Soc, UW-Madison
 2017 Robert G. Bone Scholar, Illinois State University
 2017 Ben Keeley Award, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University
 2016 *Alpha Kappa Delta*, sociology honor fraternity, Illinois State University
 2016 *Lambda Pi Eta*, communication studies honor fraternity, Illinois State University
 2016 John A. Kinneman Award, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University
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GRANTS & RESEARCH SUPPORT***External***

- 2018 CAC AmeriCorps Education Award (\$5,815)
 2017 American Sociological Association Honors Program, Travel Grant (\$700)
 2017 National Science Foundation REU Travel Grants (cumulative, \$1,850)
 2016 National Science Foundation LAKES REU (\$4,000)

Internal

- 2019 Crowe Scholarship Travel Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$700)
 2019 Travel Funding, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$120)
 2018 Sustainability Research Stipend, University of Tennessee-Knoxville (\$3,000)
 2017 CAS Travel Funding, Illinois State University (\$250)
 2017 Travel Funding, Sociology/Anthropology Dept., Illinois State University (\$350)
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CONFERENCE ACTIVITY***Panels Organized***

- 2020 “Labor, Environment, and the Green New Deal,” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)* Annual Meeting. Panel *Co-Organizer* with Todd E. Vachon (Rutgers University). San Francisco, California. Anticipated August 7-9, 2020.
 2019 “Urban Responses to Climate Change,” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)* Annual Meeting. Panel *Presider* and *Co-Organizer* with Yuki Kato (Georgetown University). New York, New York. August 10-13, 2019.

Papers Presented (Select)

- 2020 **Econie, Alexis.** “High Risk, ‘Low-Skill’? Assessing Value Economy of Work in Waste Management Industries.” *Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)*. Annual Meeting.

Omaha, Nebraska. Anticipated April 2-5, 2020.

- 2019** **Econie, Alexis.** “Expanding the Scope of Place-Based Environmental Justice Scholarship: Communities, Health, and the Workplace.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting*. New York, New York. August 10-13, 2019.
- 2018** **Econie, Alexis** and Michael L. Dougherty. “Precarious Work in the US Recycling Industry.” *Political Ecology Network (POLLEN) Biennial Conference*. Oslo, Norway. June 19-22, 2018.
- 2017** Paulson, Nels, **Alexis Econie**, and Clare Salerno. “Social Capital and Cyanobacteria: How Reconnecting Non-Operating Landowners to Their Tenants and Communities Could Help End Water Pollution.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting*. Montreal, Québec, Canada. August 11-13, 2017.
- Sprecher, Susan, **Alexis Econie**, Stanislav Treger, and Ryan Willard. "Mate Preferences in Emerging Adulthood and Beyond: Cross-Sectional and Retrospective Analysis to Examine Changes." *Annual Meeting of Interdependence, Interactions, and Relationships*. Syracuse, NY. June 23-25, 2017.
- 2016** **Econie, Alexis.** “Social Capital and Sustainable Land Usage.” *Wisconsin Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Madison, Wisconsin. October 21, 2016.
- Econie, Alexis.** “Ideologies and Perceptions of Poverty in the United States.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Presented as part of the *ASA Honors Program*. Seattle, Washington. August 20-23, 2016.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Assistantships

- 2018-19** *Research Assistant* to Jane Collins, University of Wisconsin-Madison, “Civil Reproductive Rights in Virginia”
- 2016** *National Science Foundation REU Intern*, “[LAKES](#): Linking Applied Knowledge in Environmental Sustainability”
- 2015-17** *Research Assistant* to Michael L Dougherty, Illinois State University; “[Mining in Latin America: Critical Approaches to the New Extraction](#)” and “The Greening of Illegality”

Research Labs

- 2020-** *Trash Lab Creator and Director*, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Research assistants: **Gretchen Trast, Kaylee Castleberry**
- 2016-17** *Social Interaction Research Laboratory Co-Director* for Susan Sprecher, Illinois State

University; “Computer Mediated Communication Effects on the Getting-Acquainted Process” and “Impacts of Perceived Similarity vs. Dissimilarity on Initial Encounters”

Survey Instruments Designed

2016 Red Cedar Watershed Landownership Survey (RCWLS). With Nels Paulson (Univ. Wisconsin-Stout) and Clare Salerno (Wellesley College).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistantships

2020 *Instructor*, “Guided Research: Environment & Labor.” Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring Semester

Teaching Assistant, “Ethnic Movements in the U.S.” Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring Semester

2019 *Teaching Assistant*, “American Society: How it Really Works,” Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall Semester

2016 *Teaching Assistant*, “Personal Relationships,” Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University, Fall Semester

2015 *Teaching Assistant*, “Sociological Inquiry,” Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University, Spring Semester

2014 *Teaching Assistant*, “People in Places: Understanding and Developing Community,” Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Illinois State University, Fall Semester

Other Paid Teaching Experience

2019 *Reader/Grader*, “Environment, Natural Resources, and Society,” Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring semester

Mentoring Experience

2019- *Graduate Student Mentor*, Sociology Graduate Mentoring Program, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (mentees and cohort year listed below)
John Canfield Jr., 2019

2018- *Social Science Research Mentor*, Illinois Science and Technology Institute Mentoring Program (mentees and projects listed below)
Alan Goodyear, 2019, “Convincing Citizens to take a More Active Role in Environmental Issues”

Jen Carmona, 2018, “The Influence of Social Media on the Political Polarization and Political Participation of Young Eligible Voters”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Department

- 2019-2020** *Undergraduate Curriculum Program Planning & Assessment Committee Member*, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019-2020** *Graduate Student Representative*, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019** *Community & Environmental Sociology Brown Bag Co-Coordinator* (with Elisa Avila), Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2017-2020** *Invited Alumni Board Member*, Department of Sociology & Anthropology Alumni Board, Illinois State University

Department presentations and workshops developed/organized

- 2019** *Conferences and Networking*, panel given, December 11, 2019 at UW-Madison
The Academic Elevator Pitch, workshop given September 25, 2019 at UW-Madison
UW Sociology Visit Day: Community & Environmental Sociology, talk given March 5, 2019 at UW-Madison
Creating and Personalizing your Academic Five-Year Plan, workshop held February 5, 2019 at UW-Madison
- 2018-2019** *An Undergraduate’s Guide to Grad School Applications*, workshops held November 7, 2018; March 6, 2019 at UW-Madison

Service to the University

- 2017-2020** *Alumni Board Member*, Illinois State University
- 2017-2018** *Past Recipient-Invited Selection Committee Member*, Robert G. Bone Scholarship Selection Committee, Illinois State University
- 2014-2015** *Elected Student Committee Member*, College of Arts and Sciences Council, Illinois State University

Service to the Discipline

- 2018-2021** *Editor*, Section on Environment and Technology newsletter, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
 See Newsletters: [Fall 2018](#), [Spring 2019](#), [Fall 2019](#)

Community Service & Civic Engagement

- 2019-** *Social Science Research Mentor*, Illinois Science and Technology Institute Mentoring Program
- 2017-2018** *CAC AmeriCorps Member*: 1,652 hours of volunteer service to East Tennessee
- 2017** *Public Research Presentation*: Policy-based research presentation, “The Politics of Water Quality,” given to members of United States Congress in Washington, D.C. as part of the Council on Undergraduate Research’s annual Posters on the Hill. April 25-27, 2017.
- 2016** *Habitat for Humanity*: 75 hours of volunteer service to Winder, Georgia
- 2016** *Public Research Presentation*: Community action-based research presentation, “Red Cedar Watershed Land Tenure and Phosphorous Mitigation Analysis,” presented at NSF LAKES REU public forum in Menomonie, WI. August 3, 2016.

MEDIA

Media by Alexis Econie

- 2019** “Temporary Workers of the US Recycling Industry” article featured on Pam Oliver’s [Race, Politics, and Justice](#) blog. Published March 19, 2019.
- 2016** “Socializing for a Cleaner Watershed: Connectivity and BMP Lease Agreements.” Introduction and Part 1 of an 11-part featured article series published in *The Chetek Alert* and on [Chippewa.com](#). Published August 22, 2016.

Media featuring Alexis Econie and her work

- 2018** “UW-Stout Red Cedar Basin Research: Soil, Water, Community.” [Executive Report](#) for Dunn County, Wisconsin published August 2018.
- 2017** “UT Hosts Sustainability Day, Promotes Environment-Friendly Organizations.” News article published October 19, 2017 in [The Daily Beacon](#).
- “UT Office of Sustainability Challenges Dorms, Promotes Sustainability.” News article published October 9, 2017 in [The Daily Beacon](#).
- “The Value of a Liberal Arts Education.” Video short presented to all incoming and transfer undergraduate students at Illinois State University annual Preview Weekend. [Video](#) featuring filmed and produced by the College of Arts and Sciences April-June 2017.
- “Research about Red Cedar River Watershed Displayed at U.S Capital.” News article published May 8, 2017 on [UW-Stout News](#). Republished on June 9, 2017 as “News from around the UW System” on [University of Wisconsin System](#).
- “Robert G. Bone Scholars named for 2017-2018.” News article published June 1, 2017

in [Redbird Scholar](#).

“Red Cedar Watershed to Benefit from NSF Grant for Student Research Program Housed at UW-Stout.” News article featuring published June 9, 2017 on [CVpost.org](#).

“Research Conducted at UW-Stout Presented at U.S. Capitol.” News article published May 17, 2017 on [WisSystem.org](#).

“CAS Boasts Eight Bone Scholars.” News article published September 23, 2017 in [Redbird Scholar](#).

2016 “ISU Research Symposium to Showcase Student Work.” News article published March 29, 2016 in [Redbird Scholar](#).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2017- Society for the Study of Social Problems (*SSSP*)
Divisions: Environment & Technology; Labor Studies

2017-2018 Council on Undergraduate Research (*CUR*)

2017-2018 Midwest Sociological Society (*MSS*)

2016-2017 Wisconsin Sociological Association (*WSA*)

2015- American Sociological Association (*ASA*)
Sections: Environmental Sociology; Organizations, Occupations, and Work;
 Labor and Labor Movements

ADDITIONAL SKILLS & CERTIFICATIONS

Skills

Working knowledge of *Stata*, *SPSS*, *Qualtrics*, *Kumu*, *Canva*, *Adobe InDesign*; Experience managing organization-level social media accounts

Certifications

Certifications in *Human Resources Management* and *Corporate Communications* (2017, Illinois State University)

REFERENCES

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 Gay Seidman | University of Wisconsin-Madison | seidman@ssc.wisc.edu | (608) 263-3887
 Joshua Garoon | University of Wisconsin-Madison | garoon@wisc.edu | (608) 890-0981
 Michael L. Dougherty | Illinois State University | mdoughe@ilstu.edu | (309) 438-5790