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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **Emory University**, Sociology, 2016
Dissertation: Three Meals Away: Crisis and Violence in the Global Food System
Committee: Alex Hicks (chair), John Boli, Rick Rubinson, Rick Doner
- M.A. **Emory University**, Sociology, 2015
Major Area: Comparative Political Economy and Global Analysis
Minor Area: The Political Economy of Food
- B.A. **University of Richmond**, Sociology, 2009
Minor: German Studies

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2017-present **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria
- 2016-2017 **Visiting Assistant Professor**
Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming Delia Deckard, Natalie & **Alison Heslin**. *Forthcoming*. "Welfare State Policy and the Authority to Govern: The Case of Puerto Rico" *Sociological Focus*.
- 2017 **Heslin, Alison**, Robert Oakes, Natalie Delia Deckard, and Arianna Montero-Colbert ^{UG} [In Press, October 2017] "Displacement and Resettlement: Understanding the Role of Climate Change in Contemporary Migration" in *Loss and Damage from Climate Change: Concepts, Principles and Policy Options*, edited by R. Mechler, L. Bouwer, J. Linnerooth-Bayer, T. Schinko, S. Surminski. Springer.
- 2017 **Heslin, Alison**. [In Press, October 2017] "Climate Migration and Cultural Preservation: The Case of the Marshallese Diaspora." in *Loss and Damage from Climate Change: Concepts, Principles and Policy Options*, edited by R. Mechler, L. Bouwer, J. Linnerooth-Bayer, T. Schinko, S. Surminski. Springer.

- 2016 Delia Deckard, Natalie & **Alison Heslin**. 2016. "After Postnational Citizenship: Constructing the Boundaries of Inclusion in Neoliberal Contexts." *Sociology Compass*. 10(4):294-305.
- 2016 Winders, Bill, **Alison Heslin**, Gloria Ross, Hannah Weksler, and Seanna Berry. 2016. "Life After the Regime: Market Instability with the Fall of the U.S. Food Regime." *Agriculture and Human Values*. 33(1):73-88.
- 2015 **Heslin, Alison**. 2015. "Development: Sustainable Agriculture" Pp 807-811 in *The International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2nd Edition*, Vol. 23, edited by James D. Wright. Elsevier.

^{UG} indicates undergraduate coauthor

WORKING PAPERS

- Review **Heslin, Alison**. "Riots and Resources: How Food Access Affects Collective Violence" [Submitted for Review at *World Politics*]
- Review Marini, Christina ^{UG} & **Alison Heslin**. "Religious Composition and Obesity: Understanding Obesity Rates in Major U.S. Cities." [Submitted for Review at *The Journal of Religion and Health*]
- In progress **Heslin, Alison** & Natalie Delia Deckard. "Dislocation and Redevelopment: The Effect of Disasters on the Demographic Makeup of US Cities." [In preparation for *Population and Environment*]
- In progress **Heslin, Alison**. "Moral Economy in Contemporary Food Riots: The Case of West Bengal, India." [In preparation for the *Journal of Rural Studies*]
- In progress **Heslin, Alison**. "The Social and Environmental Predictors of Social Conflict" [In preparation for *Political Geography*]

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2017 **Horn Family Fund for Environmental Studies**
The Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University
- 2016 **Graduate Student Teaching Award**
Department of Sociology, Emory University
- 2013-2014 **Boren Fellowship**
Institute of International Education, National Security Education Program
- 2013 **Fellowship for Sustainability, Teaching, and Curriculum**
The Piedmont Project, Office of Sustainability Initiatives, Emory University
- 2012 **Global Health Field Scholars Award, Multidisciplinary Team**
Global Health Institute, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University
- 2008-2009 **Weinstein Family Fellowship**
University of Richmond

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 **Heslin, Alison.** [Scheduled] “Food and violence: complicating the relationship between social conflict and natural resources” *International Conference on Global Food Security* Cape Town, South Africa. December 3-6, 2017.
- 2017 **Heslin, Alison.** “Blood and Soil: The Dynamic Relationship between Natural Resources and Social Conflict” *International Conference on Sustainable Development*. Columbia University, New York, NY. September 18-20, 2017.
- 2017 **Heslin, Alison.** “Climate Change, Migration, and Cultural Preservation: The Case of the Marshall Islands” *The Gallatin School of Individualized Study Conference on Climate Change*. New York University, New York, NY. September 14-15, 2017.
- 2017 Delia Deckard, Natalie & **Alison Heslin.** “Regulating the Poor: The Welfare State and the Governance of Marginality in Puerto Rico” Panel Presentation on New Comparative Perspectives on the Causes and Consequences of Welfare States. *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Montreal, Canada. August 12-15, 2017.
- 2017 **Heslin, Alison.** “Social Components of Climate Change” *Furious Pechakucha*. New York University. April 24, 2017.
- 2016 **Heslin, Alison.** “Water, Food, and Conflict: How Resource Scarcity Influences Collective Violence” Panel Presentation on Water Supply Scarcities and Resource Interlinkages at the *Water SDGs and Future Water Management Symposium*, University College London. Nov 8-9, 2016.
- 2015 **Heslin, Alison.** “Food Security and Stability: A Comparison of Food Riot Mobilization in India and Bangladesh”, Panel Presentation on Food Price Spikes: Causes and Consequences at the *International Conference on Global Food Security*, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Oct 10-14 2015.
- 2013 **Heslin, Alison.** “Understanding Food Riots: A Time-Series Analysis of Contemporary African Protest”, Panel Presentation on Collective Behavior at the *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*, New York City. August 10-13, 2013.
- 2013 Winders, Bill, **Alison Heslin**, Gloria Ross, Hannah Weksler, and Seanna Berry. “Life After the Regime: Market Volatility After the US Food Regime” Round Table on Political Economy of the World System. *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*, New York City. August 10-13, 2013.
- 2012 Christina Brosius, Elizabeth Ervin, **Alison Heslin** and Gwendolyn Parker. “A Multidisciplinary Assessment of Food and Water Security and Climate Change Vulnerability in Bangladesh” Poster presentation. *Global Health Institute Scholars’ Symposium*, Atlanta, GA. October 17, 2012.
- 2012 **Heslin, Alison.** “Climate Change and Food Security in Bangladesh” Panel Presentation at *Global Applied Research Network, South Asia*. Dhaka, Bangladesh. July 15, 2012.

- 2010 Hass, Jeffrey, Irene Elizabeth Petten, and **Alison Heslin**. “The Good, the True, and the Rhetoric of Movements: Framing Legitimacy and Normality” Round table presentation at the *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA. August 15, 2010.
- 2009 **Heslin, Alison**. “Art as Power: Film as an Expression of Hegemony, An Analysis of World War II in East German Films” Poster Presentation, *University of Richmond Student Research Symposium*, Richmond, VA. April 17, 2009.

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 “Climate and Conflict: Understanding how environmental changes and social structures affect the occurrence and duration of social conflict” *Institute Seminar*, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria. August 31, 2017.
- 2017 “Migration and Refugees” *Davidson College Migration Seminar* in Vienna. Vienna, Austria. May 27, 2017.
- 2017 “Sustainability” *Urban Democracy Lab* Teach-in, New York University. April 27, 2017. Panelist.
- 2017 “Food Waste Consequences and Mitigation Possibilities” *Pickling with Professors* Speaker Series. New York University. February 27, 2017.
- 2016 “Diet-Related Health Disparities” *Comparative Health Care Systems* Seminar. Emory University Course at University College London. July 25, 2016.
- 2015 “Famines, Food Riots, and Power.” *Power and Politics* Seminar. Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA. November 30, 2015.
- 2015 “Surviving and Succeeding: Emory Graduate Students on Proposals.” *Laney Graduate School Grant Writing Forum*, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. October 5, 2015.

TEACHING

New York University

- 2017 **First Year Research Seminar: Power and Politics**
The Gallatin School of Individualized Study
- 2017 **Globalization, Migration, and Statelessness**
The Gallatin School of Individualized Study
- 2016 **Power and Politics**
The Gallatin School of Individualized Study
- 2016 **The Politics of Food, Hunger, and Sustainability**
The Gallatin School of Individualized Study

Emory University

- 2016 **Sustainable, Organic Agriculture**
Departments of Sustainability and Interdisciplinary Studies
- 2015 **The Politics of Food, Hunger, and Sustainability**
Departments of Sociology, Development Studies, and Sustainability

- 2013, 2015 **Global Change**
Department of Sociology
- 2013, 2015 **Introduction to Statistical Inference** (Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2015)
Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods
- 2013 **Development of Sociological Theory**, Teaching Assistant with John Boli
Department of Sociology
- 2012 **Economic Development in Africa**, Teaching Assistant with Sam Cherribi
Department of Sociology
- 2012 **Sociology of Climate Change**, Teaching Assistant with Bob Agnew
Department of Sociology

World Teach

- 2009-2010 **English as a Second Language**
Laura Middle School, Republic of the Marshall Islands

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 **Project Coordinator**
Center for Community Partnerships, Emory University
- Trained and supervised a 45 person research team conducting Wave II of a six year evaluation project of public housing policy and practices in Atlanta
 - Compiled and cleaned survey data from 1200 households, conducted follow up data collection, and ran data analysis of housing policy effectiveness
 - Oversaw project budget and timeline, presented research findings
- 2015 **GIS Researcher**
Department of Sociology, Emory University
- Conducted GIS analysis of health disparities and policing in New York City, using both R and ArcGIS
 - Mapped Stop, Question, Frisk stops in conjunction with census and health data on neighborhood health outcomes
- 2014 **Visiting Researcher**
Indian Statistical Institute: Economic Research Unit: Kolkata, India
- Conducted an in-depth assessment of the public food distribution system in West Bengal
 - Performed interviews regarding ration-related protests and local governance
 - Collected quantitative data on elections and local demographics to explain occurrences of protest events.
- 2012 **Visiting Researcher**
Environment and Population Research Center: Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Conducted in depth interviews in rural Bangladesh on food and water usage
 - Collaborated with an international team of researchers in data collection
 - Organized a conference with the Global Applied Research Network – South Asia on water safety in Bangladesh, presented project results to governmental and non-governmental organizations working in Bangladesh

- 2010-2013 **Research Manager**
Digital Scholarship Commons Project, Emory University
- Conducted data collection, entry, and verification on social unrest and collective violence events including lynchings, race riots, and labor strikes
 - Mentored and oversaw research of undergraduate research assistants in completion and accuracy of data collected

SERVICE

- 2016 **Reviewer**
Journal of Rural Studies
- 2007-2008 **Chair**
Collegiate Disaster Relief Team, University of Richmond
- Raised \$15,000 through grant proposals and presentations to campus organizations for a free of cost service-learning trip to New Orleans for 40 students
 - Supervised an eight day trip, ensured participant safety, managed finances, led service-learning discussions, and resolved emergency situations
- 2008 **Intern**
Gravis: Rajasthan, India
- Visited sites of installed water collection projects to interview families and assess the usage, upkeep, and system functionality
 - Assisted with community training programs in the rural desert region of Rajasthan regarding water safety and maternal health
- 2006-2007 **Officer of Participant Affairs**
Collegiate Disaster Relief Team, University of Richmond
- Managed applications, emergency information, and waivers
 - Led group discussions on institutions, class, and social change throughout a one week service-learning trip to New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2013 **Epidemiology and Population Health Summer Institute**
Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- Attended two 20-hour intensive methods courses on Geographic Information Systems and Social Network Analysis
- 2012 **Essential Mathematics for Social Scientists**
Department of Political Science, Emory University
- Participated in a seven day, intensive math course for advanced calculus- and matrix-based statistics
- 2011 **Introduction to R**, Emory University
- Attended a two day workshop on R programming
- 2011 **Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity**, Emory University
- Participated in workshops on evaluation and assessment, effective oral presentations and communication, and providing mentorship and guidance

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

ENGLISH, Native Proficiency

GERMAN, Working Proficiency

BENGALI, Basic Proficiency

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Quantitative: R, Stata, SPSS, Excel

Geographic: ArcGIS, R

Qualitative: NVivo, MaxQDA

Presentation: LaTeX, Powerpoint, Emaze, Prezi