

Alison Heslin

Curriculum Vitae

Center for Climate Systems Research
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Research Areas

Environmental Displacement
Contentious Politics
Resource-Related Conflict
Migration

Teaching Interests

Research Methods and Design
Statistical Inference
Migration and Citizenship
Social Change

Education

- 2016 **PhD, Sociology**, *Emory University*, Atlanta, GA.
Doctoral Thesis: Three Meals Away: Crisis and Violence in the Global Food System
Supervisors: Alexander Hicks, John Boli, Rick Rubinson, Rick Doner
- 2015 **MA, Sociology**, *Emory University*, Atlanta, GA.
Major Area: Comparative Political Economy and Global Analysis
Minor Area: Political Economy of Food
- 2009 **BA, Sociology**, *University of Richmond*, Richmond, VA.
Minor: German Studies

Professional Appointments

- 2018- **Postdoctoral Research Scientist**
Center for Climate Systems Research, The Earth Institute, Columbia University, *New York*.
- 2017-2019 **Peter E. de Janosi Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, *Laxenburg, Austria*.
- 2016-2017 **Visiting Assistant Professor**
The Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University, *New York*.

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Forthcoming Delia Deckard, Natalie and **Alison Heslin**. [Forthcoming] "Welfare State Policy and the Authority to Govern: The Case of Puerto Rico" *Sociological Focus*.
- 2016 Delia Deckard, Natalie and **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.

Book and Encyclopedia Chapters

- 2018 **Heslin, Alison**, Robert Oakes, Natalie Delia Deckard, and Arianna Montero-Colbert. 2018. "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.
- 2018 **Heslin, Alison**. 2018. "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.
- 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.

Public Scholarship

- 2018 **Heslin, Alison**. 14 November 2018. "The Damaging Myth of Individual Culpability" *Data For Progress Blog*.
- 2018 **Heslin, Alison**. Winter 2018. "Climate Change, Migration, and Cultural Preservation" *Gallatin Today*. New York University.

In Preparation

- Review **Heslin, Alison**. "Riots and Resources: How Food Access Affects Collective Violence" [In Revision at The Journal of Peace Research]
- In progress **Heslin, Alison** and 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]

Funding and 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

- 2019 **Heslin, Alison.** "Using Satellite Imagery and Geographic Data to Understand Climate-Induced Displacement." *Science for Decision-Making in a Warmer World: 10 Years of the NPCC* New York Academy of Sciences, New York, NY. March 15, 2019.
- 2018 Delia Deckard, Natalie and **Alison Heslin.** "After the Deluge: Gentrified Spaces in the Aftermath of Disaster-Induced Outmigration." *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA. April 7, 2018.
- 2017 **Heslin, Alison.** "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 and **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 at the *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 at the *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.

Invited Talks

- 2019 "Using Remote Sensing to Understand Displacement." Columbia University Forced Migration Research and Networking Event, New York, NY. May 14, 2019.
- 2018 "Cities and Sustainability: How Food Security, Natural Disasters, and Migration Shape Our Cities and Climate." University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria. December 17, 2018.
- 2018 "Climate Change: Scientists and Artists Envision the Future." Christine König Galerie, Vienna, Austria. June 9, 2018.
- 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 Experience

New York University

- 2018 Food By The Numbers
- 2017 Globalization, Migration, and Statelessness
- 2017 First Year Research Seminar: Power and Politics
- 2016 The Politics of Food, Hunger, and Sustainability
- 2016 Power and Politics

Emory University

- 2016 Sustainable, Organic Agriculture
- 2015 The Politics of Food, Hunger, and Sustainability
- 2015,2013 Global Change
- 2015,2013 Introduction to Statistical Inference
- 2013 Development of Sociological Theory, Teaching Assistant with John Boli
- 2012 Economic Development in Africa, Teaching Assistant with Sam Cherribi
- 2012 Sociology of Climate Change, Teaching Assistant with Bob Agnew

WorldTeach, Republic of the Marshall Islands

- 2009-2010 English as a Foreign Language

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

2014 **Visiting Researcher**

Economic Research Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, 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

Service

2019- **Committee Member**, Committee on Forced Migration, Working Group on Events and Student Engagement. Columbia University

2018 **Sustainability Champion**, Sustainability Committee, IIASA

2016-2017 **Committee Member**, Gallatin Greening Committee, New York University

2016 **Reviewer**, Journal of Rural Studies

2010-2013 **Committee Member**, Sociology Social Committee, Emory University

2010-2012 **Graduate Student Committee Chair**, Graduate Student Recruitment, Emory University

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

- 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
- 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

Software Proficiency

Quantitative	GIS	Qualitative	Presentation
○ R	○ ArcGIS	○ NVivo	○ LaTeX
○ Stata	○ R	○ MaxQDA	○ Powerpoint
○ SPSS	○ Earth Engine		○ Emaze
○ Excel			○ Prezi