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## Education

**Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley, 2012**

### Geography

Dissertation Title: *Migrations of Hunger and Knowledge: Food Insecurity and California's Indigenous Farmworkers*

**BA, Cornell University, 2004**

**Sustainable Agriculture and Development, Latin American Studies Concentration**

*Magna Cum Laude, College Scholar Program*

## Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Geography and the Environment, 2024- Present

Department of Geography and the Environment, Syracuse University

Associate Professor of Food Studies, 2020-2024

Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, Syracuse University

Assistant Professor of Food Studies, 2014-2020

Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, Syracuse University

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, 2012-2014

Department of Environmental Studies, Goucher College

## Affiliated Faculty Appointments

- Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University
- Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion, Syracuse University
- Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Syracuse University

## Publications

### Books

Forthcoming 2025. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne** and Mares, Teresa. *Will Work for Food: Labor Across the Food Chain*. University of California Press.

2019. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**. *The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability*. M.I.T. Press.

## Refereed Journal Articles

2024. Dudley, Mary Jo, **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**, Michelle Tynan, Anna Zoodsma. "Thinking Across Agrarian Hierarchies in Guest Worker Programs: Limitations to Worker and Farmer Collective Strategies." *Human Geography*. Early Online View.

2024. Mares, Teresa and **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**. "The Essential Work of Feeding Others: Connecting Food Labor in Public and Private Spaces." *Agriculture and Human Values*. Early Online View.

2024. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**, Walia, Bhavneet, Gangamma, Rashmi, and Zoodsma, Anna. "Food Sovereignty and Displacement: Gardening for Food, Mental Health, and Community Connection." *Journal of Peasant Studies*. Volume 51 (2): 421-440.

2023. Gangamma, Rashmi, Bhavneet Walia, **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**, and Shaelise Tor. "Role of Gardening in Mental Health, Food Security, and Economic Well-being in Resettled Refugees: A Mixed Methods Study." *Journal on Migration and Human Security*. Online December 19, 2023.

2022. Zoodsma, Anna, Dudley, Mary Jo and **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**, National food security, immigration reform, and the importance of worker engagement in agricultural guestworker debates. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*, Volume 11(4): 1-13.

2022. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**, Dudley, Mary Jo, Anna Zoodsma, Bhavneet Walia, and Rick Welsh. "Protracted Dependence and Unstable Relations: Agrarian Questions in the H-2A Visa Program." *Journal of Rural Studies*. Volume 93: 43-45.

2022. Goldberg, Hanna and **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**. Teaching labor in food studies: challenging consumer-based approaches to social change through student research community partnerships. *Food, Culture & Society*. Volume 25(2): 328-344.

2021. Weiler, Anelyse M., Sexsmith, Kathleen and **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**. "Parallel Precarity: A Comparison of U.S. and Canadian Agricultural Guest Worker Programs." *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*. Volume 26 (2): 143-163.

2020. Sbicca, Joshua, **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**, and Coopwood, Shelby. "Because they are connected": Linking structural inequalities in farmworker organizing. *Human Geography*. Volume 13 (3): 263-276.

2020. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**, Welsh, Rick and Ludden, Maizy T. "Immigrant Farmers, Sustainable Practices: Growing Ecological and Racial Diversity in Alternative Agrifood Spaces." *Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems*. Volume 44 (7): 947-972.

2018. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** "Race, Immigration, and the Agrarian Question: Farmworkers Becoming Farmers in the United States." *The Journal of Peasant Studies*. Volume 45 (2): 389-408.
2017. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne** and Welsh, Rick. "The Difference Between the Vaccine and the G.M.O. Food Debates." *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*. Volume 32(5): 387-388.
2017. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** "The Case for Taking Account of Labor in Sustainable Food Systems in The United States." *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*. Volume 32(6): 576-578.
2017. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne** and Sloat, Sea. "A New Era of Civil Rights?: Latino Immigrant Farmers and Exclusion at the United States Department of Agriculture." *Agriculture and Human Values*. Volume 34 (3): 631-643.
2016. Levkoe, Charles Z, McClintock, Nathan, **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**, Coplen, Amy K., Gaddis, Jennifer, Lo, Joann, Tendick-Matesanz, Felipe, and Weiler, Anelyse. "Forging Links Between Food Chain Labor Activists and Academics." *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. Special Issue on Labor in the Food System. Volume 6 (2).
2015. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne** and Carney, Megan. "Latino Im/migrants, "Dietary Health," and Social Exclusion: A Critical Examination of Nutrition Interventions in California." *Food, Culture, and Society*. Volume 18 (3).
2014. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** "Subsidizing Farmworker Hunger: Food Assistance Programs, Farmworker Gardens, and the Social Reproduction of California Farm Labor." *Geoforum*. Volume 57.
2014. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** "Hunger Amidst Plenty: Farmworker Food Insecurity and Coping Strategies in California." *Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability*. Special issue on Interstitial and Subversive Food Spaces. Volume 19 (2).
2014. Brahinsky, Rachel, **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne** and Sasser, Jade. "Race, Space, and Nature: An Introduction and Critique." Introduction to guest edited special issue. *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. Volume 46 (5).
2014. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** "Knowing "Good Food": Immigrant Knowledge and the Racial Politics of Farmworker Food Insecurity." *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. Special Edited Volume on Race, Space, and Nature. Volume 46 (5).
2014. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** "Challenging the Agrarian Imaginary: Farmworker-Led Food Movements and the Potential for Farm Labor Justice." *Human Geography*. Volume 7 (1).

2012. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** “Pushing the Boundaries of Indigeneity and Agricultural Knowledge: Oaxacan Immigrant Community Gardening in California.” *Agriculture and Human Values*. Volume 29 (3).

### Book Chapters

In Press. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne** and Mares, Teresa. “A New Opening for Worker Justice in the Food System: Reconsidering Essential Work and Essential Workers.” In *Nurturing Food Justice*. Edited by Alison Alkon and Julian Agyeman. M.I.T Press.

2020. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne** and Sloat, Sea. “Labor and Legibility: Mexican Immigrant Farmers and Resource Access at the United States Department of Agriculture.” In Agyeman, J. and S. Giacalone (Eds). *The Immigrant-Food Nexus: Borders, Labor, and Identity in North America*. M.I.T Press.

2017. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** “Farmworker-Led Food Movements Then and Now: The United Farmworkers, The Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the Potential for Farm Labor Justice.” In Alkon, A. and J. Guthman (Eds). *The New Food Activism: Opposition, Cooperation, and Collective Action*. University of California Press.

2017. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** “Crossing Borders, Overcoming Boundaries: Latino Immigrant Farmers and a New Sense of Home in the United States.” In *Food Across Borders: Production, Consumption and Boundary Crossing in North America*. Melanie Dupuis, Don Mitchell, and Matthew Garcia, (Eds). Rutgers University Press.

2011. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne,** Peluso, Nancy, Sowerwine, Jennifer, and Getz, Christy. “Race and Regulation: Asian Immigrants in California Agriculture.” In *Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class and Sustainability*. Alison Alkon and Julian Agyeman, (Eds). M.I.T. Press.

2010. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** “Agribusiness.” In *Green Food, An A-to-Z Guide*, Dustin J. Mulvaney and Paul Robbins, eds. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications.

### Book Reviews

2020. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** A Review of “Wilted: Pathogens, Chemicals, and the Fragile Future of the Strawberry Industry.” *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies*. Vol 20 (2): 112–113.

2013. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** A Review of “Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States.” *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. Online.

2013. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne.** A Review of “Free Food For All: Fixing School Food In America”, *Food and Foodways*. Vol 21 (2): 156-158.

## Guest Editor

2014. "Symposium: Race, Space, and Nature." *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*. Volume 46 (5). Co-edited with Rachel Brahinsky and Jade Sasser.

## Other Publications

2022. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**, Gangamma, Rashmi, Walia, Bhavneet & Zoodsma, Anna. "Refugee Gardening: An Opportunity to Improve Economic Conditions, Food Security, and Mental Health." Population Health Research Brief Series. *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion*. 198. <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/198/>

2021. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**. Bellows, Anne, Welsh, Rick, and Kiernan, Mary. "In Remembrance of Our Colleague Evan Weissman: Scholar, Community Leader, Mentor, and Friend." *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*.

2020. Bellows, Anne, Rick Welsh, Evan Weissman, Mary Kiernan, Lynn Brann, Kay Stearns Bruening, Nichole Marie Beckwith, Chaya Charles, Elissa Johnson, **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**, Tanya Horacek, Sudha Raj, Jessica Redmond, Nancy Rindfuss, Jane Uzcategui, Margaret Voss and Jennifer Wilkins. April 6. "From farm to factory to table, coronavirus pandemic challenges US food system." Commentary. *Syracuse.com*.

2017. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**, Charles Levkoe, Levi Van Sant, Laura Johnson, Joshua Sbicca, Courtney Gallaher, Colleen Hammelman, Daniel Block, and Russell Hedberg. April 9. "Uncertain Future for U.S. Food System." Op. Ed. *Finger Lakes Times*.

2015. Minkoff-Zern, Jonah and **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**. "Citizen's United Ruling; A Dangerous Expansion of Corporate Power in the U.S." *Right to Food and Nutrition Watch: People's Nutrition is Not a Business*. F.I.A.N. International (7), 28.

2013. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**. "Care about Your Food? Then Care about Your Farmworkers Too." *YES Magazine*. Online Jan 30, 2013. Reprinted in 2013. Northwest Earth Institute.

2013. Meade, Sarah and **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne**. "Market Offers Wealth of Tradition—and Veggies—for Immigrant Farmers and Shoppers. Online Oct 7, 2013. *YES Magazine*. Northwest Earth Institute.

2011. **Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne** and Getz, Christy. "Farmworkers- The Basis and Bottom of the Food Chain." *Race, Poverty, and the Environment*. Vol 18. No 1.

2007. Gillon, Sean, **Minkoff, Laura-Anne**, and Thistlethwaite, Rebecca. "Grounding Ourselves: Innovative Land Tenure Models in California and Beyond." California Food and Justice Network Working Paper. Community Food Security Coalition. Reprinted 2008. In *Farmer's Guide to Securing Land*. Sebastopol, California: California Farmlink.

2004. **Minkoff, Laura-Anne.** “Local and Alternative Practices for Soil Fertility in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala.” Report for *The Mesoamerican Institute for Permaculture (I.M.A.P.)*, San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala.

2004. **Minkoff, Laura-Anne.** “Land Ownership in Guatemala.” Report for *The Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (N.I.S.G.U.A.)*, Washington D.C.

## Research Grants

### Extramural Funding

2023-2024. “Food Policy Councils as a Vehicle to Address the Racial Wealth Gap in Food System.” Lender Center for Social Justice Grant Program supported by MetLife Foundation, \$63,826, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**, Co-Investigator: Jonnell Robinson

2019- 2021. “Mental Health, Economic Well-Being, and Experiences of Farming in Resettled Refugees in Syracuse, NY,” Fahs Beck Foundation, \$19,999, PI: Rashmi Gangamma, Co-PIs: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern** and Bhavneet Walia

2016. “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability,” Association of American Geographers Research Grant Award, \$500, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

2011. “Migrations of Hunger and Knowledge: Food Insecurity and California’s Indigenous Farmworkers,” The Rosenberg Foundation and UC Berkeley School of Journalism; Grant for Immigration Reporting, \$2,500, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

2010. “Migrations of Hunger and Knowledge: Food Insecurity and California’s Indigenous Farmworkers,” Society of Woman Geographers’ Graduate Studies Fellowship, \$12,000, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

2010. “Migrations of Hunger and Knowledge: Food Insecurity and California’s Indigenous Farmworkers,” Programa de Investigación de Migración y Salud (PIMSA) and the Health Initiative of the Americas’ dissertation research grant, \$5,000, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

### Intramural Funding

2023 and 2021. “Will Work for Food: Labor Across the Food Chain,” SOURCE Research Assistant Grant; Syracuse University, \$1938 and \$2,800, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

2019- 2021. “Agricultural Guestworkers and the New Immigrant Economy,” Collaboration for Unprecedented Success and Excellence (CUSE) Grant Program; Syracuse University, \$20,000, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**, Co-PI: Bhavneet Walia

2018 – 2020. “Impact of Gardening on Refugee Mental Health, Community Building, and Economic Well-being in Central New York,” Lerner Center Faculty Fellows Grant Program in Population Health and Health Promotion; Syracuse University, \$25,000, PI: Bhavneet Walia, Co-PIs: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern** and Rashmi Gangamma

2018- 2019. “Agricultural Guestworkers and the New Immigrant Economy, Research Seed Grant;” David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics at Syracuse University, \$5,000, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

2017- 2018. “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability, Labor Studies Grant; Work, Labor and Citizenship Initiative;” Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, \$ 2940.30, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

2016- 2017. “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability,” Research Seed Grant; David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics at Syracuse University, \$5,000, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

2009. “Migrations of Hunger and Knowledge: Food Insecurity and California’s Indigenous Farmworkers,” The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UCMEXUS) Grant for Student Research, \$1,500, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

2009. “Migrations of Hunger and Knowledge: Food Insecurity and California’s Indigenous Farmworkers,” The Center for Race and Gender Graduate Research Grant; UC Berkeley, \$500, PI: **Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern**

## Other Grants and Awards

- 2024. American Association of Geographers (AAG) Fellowship, Early/Mid-Career Award. Recognition and service program that recognizes geographers who have made significant contributions to advancing geography.
- 2020. Book Award. The Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group (GFASG). for *The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race and the Struggle for Sustainability*.
- 2019. Finalist. Carnegie Fellows Program.
- 2013. Crosby Course Development Grant. Goucher College.
- 2011. Honorable Mention. Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society Student Research Paper Awards; “Pushing the Boundaries of Indigeneity and Agricultural Knowledge: Immigrant Community Gardening in California.”

## **Presentations**

### Keynotes, Plenaries, and Colloquia

2023. Keynote Panelist, Lender Center for Social Justice Convening on Addressing the Racial Wealth Gap. National Press Club. Washington DC.

2021. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.” Virtual, The USDA Committee on Hispanic American Cultural Effort (HACE).

2021. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.” The Hudson Valley Food System Coalition, Virtual, NY.

2021. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.” Plant it Forward, Virtual, Houston, TX.

2021. Keynote Presentation, “A Food Systems Framework for Labor Justice,” Good Work for Good Food Conference, Cardiff University, Virtual, Wales, United Kingdom.

2021. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.” The Berkeley Food Institute, Virtual, University of California, Berkeley.

2021. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.” Department of Geography and Environmental Studies and The Department of Geography, Colloquium Series in Geography, Virtual, New Mexico State University and University of New Mexico.

2021. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability,” Imagining Futures Speaker Series, Virtual, Common Ground Research Networks.

2020. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability,” M.E. John Seminar Series of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, Virtual, Pennsylvania State University.

2020. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability,” Department of Horticulture Seminar Series, Virtual, Cornell University.

2020. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability,” Virtual, The New School Food Studies Program and Tishman Environment and Design Center, New York.

2020. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.” Sustainable Communities Transdisciplinary Area of Excellence Program. Virtual, Binghamton University.



Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability,” Speaker Series on Migration and Displacement. Bennington College. Cancelled due to COVID-19.

2020. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability,” Department of Environmental Studies, Brown University.

2019. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.” Department of Land and Food Systems, University of British Columbia.

2019. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.” Howard E. Woodin Environmental Studies Colloquium Series, Middlebury College.

2018. Colloquium. “Food Justice, Migration, and the Food System,” Democratizing Knowledge Event on Food Justice, Migration, and Labor, Writing Department, Syracuse University.

2018. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Identity, Race and Immigration.” Tolley Humanities Faculty Dinner, Syracuse University.

2017. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Agrarian Questions, Race, and Immigration.” Geography Department Colloquium, Syracuse University.

2017. Visiting Scholar/ Workshop Presentation, “From Farmworkers to Farm Owners: An Introduction;” Workshop on Food, Agriculture, and Society, Humanities Center, The University of Tennessee

2016. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Agrarian Questions, Race, and Immigration;” Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University.

2016. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Agrarian Questions, Race, and Immigration;” Lampert Institute for Civic and Global Affairs, Colgate University.

2015. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Agrarian Questions, Race, and Immigration;” Search for Common Ground Seminar Series, Modesto College.

2015. Workshop Presentation, “Agrarian Spaces, Race, and Legibility: Latino Immigrant Farmers and Exclusion at the United States Department of Agriculture,” Race and Rurality in the Global Economy Workshop, Duke University.

2013. Colloquium, “The New American Farmer: Mexican Immigrant Growers in the United States;” Geography Department What Matters Speakers Series, Towson University.

2013. Colloquium, “Migrations of Hunger and Knowledge: Food Insecurity and California’s Indigenous Farm Workers;” Geography Department Colloquium, University of Maryland, Baltimore.

2011. Colloquium, “Addressing Farmworker Food Insecurity;” Berkeley School of Law Food Justice Symposium; University of California Berkeley.

#### Invited Panelist/Discussant

2024. Discussant. “Automation, Labor, and a Just Agri-Food Future.” Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society.

2024. Roundtable Panelist. “Practicing Food Studies: Established Experiences and Emerging Perspectives.” Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society; Syracuse, NY.

2023. Workshop Presentation. “The Value of Land in Cross Border Farming Communities: Land Ownership and Access Among Immigrant Workers and Farmers in the United States.” Virtual, Workshop on Migrant Labour and Land, Production and Social Reproduction: Implications for Social Justice Movement and Struggles. College of Humanities and Development Studies (COHD) China Agricultural University, Beijing.

2023. Panelist. “Migration and Agrarian Knowledge: Farming Across Borders.” Migrants, Environmental Knowledge, and Consumer Society Symposium. German Historical Institute at The University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA.

2023. Symposium Presentation. “A New Opening for Worker Justice in the Food System: Reconsidering Essential Work and Essential Workers.” Food Justice, Aesthetics, and Morality Workshop, Hamilton College; Hamilton, NY.

2023. Panelist. “Essential: How the Pandemic Transformed the Long Fight for Worker Justice.” Maxwell School. Syracuse University; Syracuse, NY.

2022. Panelist. “Cultivating Food Justice: Reflections and Visions 10 years On.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Virtual.

2022. Panelist. “Food and Migration,” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Virtual.

2021. Panelist. “New Books in Critical Food Studies,” Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Virtual, hosted by New York University.

2021. Discussant. “Author Meets Critics: The New American Farmer;” American Association of Geographers, Virtual.

2021. Panelist. "Building a Radical Food Geography Praxis Panel Discussion." American Association of Geographers; Virtual.

2020. Panelist. "Food Justice Symposium. Environmental Justice Lecture." SUNY-ESF; Syracuse, NY.

2018. Panelist. "Food Across Borders;" Author Meets Critics; American Association of Geographers; New Orleans, LA.

2019. Panelist. "Hungry for Change: Critical Interventions in Contemporary Food Studies." Association of American Anthropologists Annual Meeting, Vancouver.

2019. Panelist. "The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability." The Boston Book Festival; Boston, MA.

2019. Panelist. "Public Diplomacy Symposium: Gastrodiplomacy Panel." Syracuse University. Maxwell School. Syracuse, NY.

2017. Panelist. "Food and Immigration," National Food Policy Conference, Washington D.C.

2017. Plenary Commentator, "Bread and Water in the 21st Century," American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

2017. Panelist. "Race and Space," American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Boston, MA.

2016. Discussant. Race and the Agrarian Question; American Association of Geographers; San Francisco, CA.

2014. Panelist. Beyond the Academy, Nature and Society Workshop, Department of Geography, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY.

2012. Panelist. "Migration and Alternative and Non-Capitalist Political Ecologies;" Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting. Baltimore, MD.

2011. Moderator and Discussant. "Labor and Health Across the Food Industry;" California Studies Association Annual Conference; Oakland, California

2011. Moderator and Discussant. "Farmworkers Across Borders; International Day of Peasant Struggle Celebration;" Sponsored by the Bay Area Friends of the M.S.T., La Via Campesina, and the Urban Studies Program of the San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA.

2011. Panelist. "Corn Across Borders: Immigration, Labor, and Travelling Knowledge." Symposium on The Americorn' Way; The University of California, Berkeley; Berkeley, CA.

### Conference Papers and Other Participation

2024. Roundtable Organizer/ Panelist; "Food Policy Councils and Frontline Food Workers: Opportunities and Challenges for Labor Advocacy" Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society; Syracuse, NY.

2023. Roundtable Organizer/ Panelist; "Can We Know Food Without Knowing Workers?" Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society; Boston, MA.

2023. "Agrarian Hierarchies in the H-2A Guestworker Program: Temporal and Spatial Limitations to Worker and farmer Coping Strategies," Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society; Boston, MA.

2023. "A New Opening for Worker Justice in the Food System: Reconsidering Essential Work and Essential Workers," Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society; Boston, MA.

2023. "A New Opening for Worker Justice in the Food System: Reconsidering Essential Work and Essential Workers," Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers; Denver, CO.

2022. "Protracted dependence and unstable relations: Agrarian questions in the H-2A visa program." Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society; Athens, GA.

2022. "The Racialized Geographies of Pandemic Vulnerabilities," Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Virtual.

2020. "Refugee Gardening as Place Making: Reclaiming Food Sovereignty and Agrarian Identity in Central New York"; American Association of Geographers; Cancelled due to COVID-19.

2019. "Immigrant Farmers, Sustainable Practices: Growing Ecological and Racial Diversity in Alternative Agrifood Spaces"; Association of American Anthropologists Annual Meeting; Vancouver.

2019. "Parallel Precarity: A Comparison of United States and Canadian Agricultural Guestworker Programs"; American Association of Geographers; Washington D.C.

2019. Session Organizer/ Chair; Global Migration, Labor, and Food Production: Agricultural Guestworkers Past and Present; American Association of Geographers; Washington D.C.
2018. “Immigration, Identity, and Agricultural Practice: Recreating Home Through the Family Farm.” Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society; Madison, WI.
2018. “What Does an Alternative Farmer Look Like?: Growing Ecological and Social Diversity”; American Association of Geographers; New Orleans, LA.
2016. “Crossing Borders, Overcoming Boundaries: Latino Immigrant Farmers and a New Sense of Home in The United States”; American Association of Geographers; San Francisco, CA.
2016. Session Organizer; Food Across Borders; American Association of Geographers; San Francisco, CA.
2016. Session Organizer/ Chair; “Land, Justice and Agrifood Movements: Trajectories and Tensions”; American Association of Geographers; San Francisco, CA.
2015. “Race, Immigration, and the Agrarian Question: Latino Immigrant Farmers in the United States”; Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society; Pittsburg, PA.
2015. “Race, Immigration, and the Agrarian Question: Latino Immigrant Farmers in the United States”, American Association of Geographers; Chicago, IL.
2015. Session Organizer/ Chair, Food Politics and The Agrarian Question: American Association of Geographers; Chicago, IL.
2014. Symposium Participant/ Presenter, “Crossing Borders, Overcoming Boundaries: Latino Immigrant Farmers and a New Sense of Home in the United States,” Food Across Borders: Production, Consumption, and Boundary Crossing in North America, A Joint Symposium, The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies and the Comparative Border Studies Program, Arizona State University.
2013. “The New American Farmer: The Agrarian Question, Food Sovereignty and Immigrant Mexican Growers in The United States”; Food Sovereignty: A Critical Dialogue; Yale University.
2012. “Food Movements and Farm Labor: Strengthening Coalitions For Equality in the Food System”; Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference; University of Kentucky.
2012. “The Agrarian Question in California: Migration And (Non) Traditional New Farmers”; Association of American Geographers Meeting; New York.

2011. “Farmworker Food Insecurity, The Agrarian Question, and (Non)traditional New Farmers”; Critical Geography Conference; Clark University.

2011. “Knowing “Good Food”: Immigrant Knowledge and the Racial Politics of Farmworker Food Insecurity”; Race, Space, and Nature: A One Day Symposium at UC Berkeley.

2011. “Knowing “Good Food”: Immigrant Knowledge and the Racial Politics of Farmworker Food Insecurity”; Association of American Geographers Conference; Seattle, WA.

2010. “Migrations of Hunger and Knowledge: Food Insecurity and California’s Indigenous Farm Workers”; Association of American Geographers National Conference; Washington D.C.

## **University Teaching**

### Syracuse University, Department of Nutrition and Food Studies

- Transnational Food, Health, and the Environment; Graduate
- Food Studies and Systems; Graduate
- Farm Labor and Migration; Graduate
- Labor Across the Food System; Undergraduate
- Food, Identity, and Power; Undergraduate
- Food Movements; Undergraduate
- Feeding the World: Global Agri-food Governance; Undergraduate

### Goucher College, Department of Environmental Studies

- Industrial Food and Agrarian Change; Undergraduate
- Political Ecology; Undergraduate
- Biosphere and Society; Undergraduate
- Senior Capstone Course; Undergraduate
- Introduction to Environmental Studies; Undergraduate

### University of California, Washington D.C. Program

- Food and Agriculture History and Policy; Undergraduate

### University of California, Berkeley, Department of Geography

- Political Ecology; Undergraduate

## **Advising and Mentoring**

### Master's Degree Major Advisor

- 2023. Alycia Cahn. "At The Nexus of Social: How to Leverage the Growing Interaction Between Social Media and Social Movements."
- 2023. Ryan Fitzgerald. "Garden Space as Resettlement Tactic, a case of Place-Making through Urban Agroecological Flourishing of Nepali Home Gardens in Syracuse, New York?"
- 2023. April Lopez. "Money for Food": A Deeper Look at Food Insecurity and Class Privilege in Higher Education."
- 2022. Avalon Gupta VerWeibe. "Transformative Solutions to Wicked Problems: Building Justice into the Syracuse-Onondaga Food Systems Alliance."
- 2021. Cara Santino. "Restore, Replenish, Resist: Fighting for Food Justice within the Carceral State."
- 2021. Elizabeth Pickard. "First-generation farmers and the agrarian question: financial and symbolic capital in the asset economy"
- 2021. Nel Gaude. "Food Policy Councils Transforming the "Normal" During Covid-19 and Beyond."
- 2020. Hanna Goldberg. "'To Buy a Smile': Entrepreneurial Individualism and the Tipped Wage."
- 2019. Maegan Krajewski. "Lunch Money: Understanding Community-Led School Food Programs in Regina, Saskatchewan."
- 2019. Cheyenne Schoen. "'So, everybody is scared to eat the food": Exploring food sovereignty applications in a refugee agricultural program."

### Committee Member

- 2023. Michelle Tynan. MS, Food Studies, Syracuse University.
- 2023. Gabrielle Reagan. MS, Food Studies, Syracuse University.
- 2022. Sam Genovese, MS, Environmental Studies, SUNY ESF
- 2022-Current. Edith Gonzales, Dissertation Committee, Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2022. Katherine Mott, Qualifying Exam, Sociology, Syracuse University
- 2019. Akemi Inamoto Orellana, Qualifying Exam, Geography, Syracuse University

### Committee Chair

- 2023. Gabriel Smith, MS, Food Studies
- 2023. Chitanya Alfe, PhD, Physics
- 2022. Chelsea Stinson, PhD, Education
- 2022, Jamie Fico, MA, Geography
- 2022. Rebecca Garofano, MS, Nutrition
- 2021. Shaelise Tor, PhD, Marriage and Family Therapy
- 2021. Camila O. Ferguson-Sierra, MS, Food Studies

- 2020. Soumi De, PhD, Physics
- 2020. Manuela Ruiz Reyes, PhD, Geography
- 2017. Natasha Susan Koshy, PhD, Anthropology

### Other Advising

- 2023. Jessie Norton, Honors Thesis
- 2022. Allison Wiess, Honors Thesis
- 2017. Collin Townsend, Honors Thesis
- 2019-2021. Slow Food Student Club
- 2016-2019. Brainfeeders Student Club
- 2013- 2014. Goucher College Student Farm Project

### **Media Appearances**

- [“From Farmworker to Farm-Owner Operator.”](#) June 2024. Sierra Magazine.
- [“Local groups work to mitigate food deserts as I-81 demolition looms.”](#) November 2023. The Daily Orange
- [“Lost in Translation: How USDA Barriers leave Immigrant Farmers and Ranchers Behind.”](#) May 2023. The Gazette.
- [“Can You Really Save The Planet With The ‘Right’ Food Choices?”](#) February 2023. Huffington Post.
- [“‘Make Farmers Black Again’ is the message of a family farm trying to diversify New York’s agriculture industry.”](#) February 2023. Spectrum News.
- [“Former farmworker Says Overtime Pay is a Right We Deserve.”](#) November 2022. Spectrum News.
- [“Our Food Supply Chain Is Broken. Here's How To Fix It.”](#) January 2022. Healthline.
- “Communicating the Inequities in the Pathway between Food Producers and Consumers.” July 2021. [Cultivating Justice: A Quest Towards Racial Equity Podcast.](#)
- [“Why aren’t NY farm workers in the Covid-19 vaccine line?”](#) March 11, 2021. Syracuse.com.
- [“Farm, Food Workers Lagging When It Comes to COVID Vaccinations.”](#) March 1, 2021. Pacific Northwest Ag Network.
- [“Latino couple goes from farmworkers to farm owners.”](#) February 12, 2021. Capital Press.
- [“Interview with Dr. Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, author of, The New American Farmer: Immigration, Race, and the Struggle for Sustainability.”](#) July 27, 2020. Abuelas en Acción: A New Podcast for Our Common Good.
- [“Farmworkers to Farm Owners.”](#) July 14, 2020. The Laura Flanders Show.
- [“Food Tank’s Summer 2020 Reading List.”](#) July 2020. Food Tank Blog.
- [“The New American Farmer- Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern.”](#) June 24, 2020. Real Food Media Podcast.



- [“iEat Green Shares Interview with Laura Anne Minkoff-Zern, Author of “The New American Farmer.”](#) May 29, 2020. iEat Green Podcast.
- [“Immigrant Farmers and Alternative Ag.”](#) March 11, 2020. Against the Grain on K.P.F.A. Radio. Nationally syndicated.
- [“New to the country, veterans of the land.”](#) January 22, 2020. The Washington Post.
- [“Exploring the Role of Labor, Migration in the Food System.”](#) October 1, 2019. Usagnet.
- [“Meet Dr. Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, Food Studies Assistant Professor.”](#) September 13, 2019. Women in Agricultural Sciences.
- [“Uprooted and transplanted: Farms across the U.S. are helping refugees connect with the new soil with the age-old practice of farming.”](#) April 23, 2019. Medium.
- [“More Latinx farmers own their land. Could they make the food system more sustainable?”](#) April 15, 2019. Civil Eats.
- [“Court denies growers’ request on farm worker wage rates.”](#) March 21, 2019. The Fencepost.
- [“Racial injustice, immigration, and labor in the food system.”](#) March 4, 2019. Rootstock Radio. Nationally syndicated.
- [“Food activism and farmworkers.”](#) December 17, 2018. Against the Grain on K.P.F.A. Radio. Nationally syndicated.
- June 2018. W.A.E.R. Local radio report on the national immigration bill and the potential effect on agricultural workers.
- [“Immigrants in food industry: McDonald’s bun-maker fires 800 illegal workers, now struggling”](#) November 30, 2017. International Business Times.
- [“Immigration raids could send milk prices soaring.”](#) April 14, 2017. The Fencepost.
- [“What would America's food supply look like without immigrant labor?”](#) Jan 31, 2017. Vice.
- [“The berry of the future is fed a specialized diet and picked by a robot.”](#) November 21, 2016. Bloomberg News.
- “Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern: exploring the crossroads of people and food.” July 2016. Syracuse Woman.
- [“A Donald Trump presidency could lead to food shortages in the U.S.”](#) March 30, 2016. Quartz.

## Academic Service

### University and Department Service

- 2023. Reviewer, Lender Center for Social Justice, Racial Wealth Gap Funding Opportunity
- 2020-Current. Director, Food Studies Graduate Program.
- 2022-Current. Member, Falk College Grievance Committee.
- 2022-Current. Member, Falk College Research Center Steering Committee.

- 2022-Current. Member, Nutrition and Food Studies Department Promotion and Tenure Committee.
- 2019-Current. Member, Nutrition and Food Studies Department Curriculum Committee.
- 2022. Member, Syracuse University Civic and Global Responsibility Committee on Shared Competencies.
- 2022. Member, Nutrition and Food Studies Department By Laws Committee.
- 2020. Director, Food Studies Undergraduate Program.
- 2015-2019. Member; Syracuse University Sustainability Committee.
- 2016-2018. Member; Syracuse University Faculty Advisory Group for Campus as a Lab for Sustainability.
- 2012-2019. Member; Falk College Academic Review Committee.
- 2012. Member; Goucher College Environmental Sustainability Council.
- 2010-2011. Co-founder; Geography Group on Gender and Difference; UC Berkeley.

#### Professional Service

- 2023-2024, Chair, Session/Program Organizing Committee, 2024 Joint Conference of The Agriculture Food and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society
- 2022-2024, Steering Committee, 2024 Joint Conference of The Agriculture Food and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society
- 2016-2018, Chair, Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.
- 2014-2016, Vice-Chair, Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.
- 2014-2015, Chair, Graduate Student Grant Competition, Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers.

#### External Tenure Review

- University of Southern Maine
- Queens College CUNY
- The New School, New York
- University of California, Santa Cruz

#### Journal, Book, and Award Refereeing

- The Professional Geographer
- Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography
- Annals of the American Association of Geographers
- The University of Washington Press
- Yale University Press
- The International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food

- Agriculture and Human Values
- Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems
- Human Geography
- Labor Studies Journal
- Gender, Place, and Culture
- William T. Grant Foundation
- Journal of Peasant Studies
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- Journal of Rural Studies
- Food, Culture, and Society
- Economic Geography
- Human Organization
- Food and Foodways
- Geoforum
- Routledge Press
- M.I.T. Press
- Economic Geography
- Latino Studies
- University of Maryland, Baltimore, Campus (U.M.B.C.) Review
- National Science Foundation

### **Faculty Development**

- 2023-2024. Women in Leadership Cohort Experience, Syracuse University.
- 2013. Mellon Summer Sustainability Institute; Goucher College.

### **Public Service**

- 2023. Advisory Council, Farmland for a New Generation New York, American Farmland Trust.
- 2022. Advisory Board, Salt City Harvest Farm, Kirkville, NY.
- 2004 – 2005. Board Member, Esparto Farmers Market, Yolo County, California.

### **Other Research Experience and Training**

- 2010-2011. Researcher and Project Site Coordinator, Farmworker Health Survey, National Latino Research Center, California State University San Marcos.
- 2009. Research Assistant, Eco-agriculture Partners and the U.C. Berkeley Center for Sustainable Resource Development.
- 2007. Research Assistant, Community Alliance with Family Farmers, Oakland, California.
- 2005. Research Assistant, Food First: The Institute for Food and Development Policy, Oakland, California.
- 2004 – 2005. Farm Apprentice, Full Belly Farm, Guinda, California.

- 2003. Farm Apprentice, The Mesoamerican Institute for Permaculture, San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala; Certified in Permaculture Design.

### **Professional Memberships**

- 2005-Present. Association of American Geographers
- 2011-Present. Agriculture, Food, and Human Values
- 2016. Rural Sociology Society
- 2019. American Anthropological Association