

**LAURA A. BRAY**  
Curriculum Vitae

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## EDUCATION

- 2020      Ph.D. in Sociology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
(*expected*)      Dissertation: “Dividing the San Juan: Water Inequality in the Southwest”  
Committee: Thomas E. Shriver (Chair), Stefano Longo, Kim Ebert, and Michael Schulman
- 2015      M.S. in Sociology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 2009      B.A. in Sociology and Political Science, Austin College, Sherman, TX

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Environmental Sociology | Food and Environment   |
| Social Movements        | Rural Sociology        |
| Environmental Justice   | Political Sociology    |
| Sociology of Disasters  | Science and Technology |

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles

- Alison E. Adams, Thomas E. Shriver, **Laura A. Bray**, and Chris Messer. “Petrochemical Pollution and the Suppression of Environmental Protest.” Forthcoming in *Sociological Inquiry*. doi: [10.1111/soin.12321](https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12321).
- 2020      Thomas E. Shriver, Annika Wilcox, and **Laura A. Bray**. “Elite Cultural Work and Discursive Obstruction of Human Rights Activism.” *Social Currents* 7(1):11-28. doi: [10.1177/2329496519870554](https://doi.org/10.1177/2329496519870554).
- 2019      **Laura A. Bray**, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. “Framing Authoritarian Legitimacy: Elite Cohesion in the Aftermath of Popular Rebellion.” *Social Movement Studies* 18(6):682-701. doi: [10.1080/14742837.2019.1597698](https://doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2019.1597698).
- 2019      **Laura A. Bray**, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. “Mobilizing Grievances in an Authoritarian Setting: Threat and Emotion in the 1953 Plzeň Uprising.” *Sociological Perspectives* 62(1):77-95. doi: [10.1177/0731121418791771](https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121418791771).

- 2019 Thomas E. Shriver, Alison E. Adams, and **Laura A. Bray**. “Political Power and Manufacturing Consent: The Case of the 1953 Plzeň Protest.” *The Sociological Quarterly* 60(1):26-45. doi: [10.1080/00380253.2018.1526046](https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2018.1526046).
- 2018 Thomas E. Shriver, **Laura A. Bray**, and Alison E. Adams. “Legal Repression of Protesters: The Case of Worker Revolt in Czechoslovakia.” *Mobilization* 23(3):307-28. doi: [10.17813/1086-671X-23-3-307](https://doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-23-3-307).
- 2017 **Laura A. Bray**. “Media and ‘Undone Science’ in West Virginia’s Elk River Chemical Spill.” *Environmental Sociology* 3(4):359-69. doi: [10.1080/23251042.2017.1324241](https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2017.1324241).

### Reports & Other Publications

- Laura A. Bray**, Olivia Vilá, Bethany B. Cutts, David Lowry, Margaret Crites, Hannah Goins, Nathan McMenemy, Mac Legerton, and Angela Harris. “Promoting Environmental Justice through Participatory Disaster Research: Hurricane Recovery in Robeson County, North Carolina.” Forthcoming in *Carolina Planning Journal*.
- 2020 **Laura A. Bray**, Olivia Vilá, Bethany B. Cutts, and Angela Harris. *Disaster Recovery Soil Testing: Robeson County Community Report*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina State University ([https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/17GYbnE0mNN8r0AEqbfjpCXV-h6MCVr\\_x](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/17GYbnE0mNN8r0AEqbfjpCXV-h6MCVr_x))
- 2019 Olivia Vilá, **Laura Bray**, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, and Gracie Hornsby. *Citizen Science in the Post-Disaster Context*. Quick Response Report. Boulder, CO: Natural Hazards Center (<https://hazards.colorado.edu/quick-response-report/environmental-risk-and-recovery>)
- 2018 **Laura Bray** and Bethany B. Cutts. *Water Connects Milwaukee – Discussion Guide*. Raleigh, NC: North Carolina State University (<https://figshare.com/s/bdb09c7a424845f6cceb>)

### MANUSCRIPTS IN REVIEW AND REVISION

“Racial Projects and Rural Environmental Injustice: Water Inequality on the Navajo Nation.” **Laura A. Bray**. Under review at *Rural Sociology*.

“Agrochemical Exposure and Environmental Injustice: Legal Repression of Latin American Banana Workers.” **Laura A. Bray**, Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. Under review at *Social Problems*.

“Human Rights and Dissent in Hybrid Environments: The Impact of Shifting Rights Regimes.” Thomas E. Shriver, **Laura A. Bray**, Annika Wilcox, and Adriana M. Szabo. Under review at *Law & Society Review*

“Opportunity and Threat behind the Iron Curtain: The Failed Diffusion of Human Rights Activism in Romania.” Thomas E. Shriver, Adriana Szabo, and **Laura A. Bray**. Under review at *International Sociology*.

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

“Understanding Post-Disaster Environmental Risk Perceptions.” Olivia Vilá, Laura A. Bray, Bethany B. Cutts, Gracie Hornsby, and Angela Harris.

“Can I Eat the Dirt? The Impact of Soil Lead Tests on Behaviors in the Garden, Neighborhood, and City.” Bethany Cutts, Laura Bray, Kirsten Schwarz, Jonathan London, and Mary Cadenasso.

“5 Ways to Think about the Impact of Digital Conservation Movements: A Case Study on #AltNPS.” Joshua Randall, Olivia Vilá, Byron Ifediora, Courtney Hotchkiss, Laura A. Bray, Maude Dinan, and Bethany Cutts.

“Weaponizing the Law in Authoritarian Settings: Show Trials and Political Prosecution.” Thomas E. Shriver and Laura A. Bray.

“Forced Eviction and Social Ostracism under Authoritarian Rule.” Thomas E. Shriver and Laura A. Bray.

**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2019 Foundation for the Carolinas, Hurricane Florence Response Grant Program. “Robeson County – 100 soil tests near flooded homes.” Bethany Cutts (PI), Olivia Vilá, Laura Bray, David Lowry, and Angela Harris. \$63,882.
- 2018 Rural Sociological Society, Dissertation Research Award. “Dividing the San Juan: Water Inequality in the Southwest.” \$1,405.
- 2017 Lead Peer Mentoring Collaborative, North Carolina State University. \$1,000.
- 2017 Sociology Graduate Student Association, North Carolina State University. Dissertation Mini Grant. “Dividing the San Juan: Settler Colonialism, American Indians, and Water Rights in the Southwest.” \$100.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- 2020 “Racial Projects and Rural Environmental Injustice: Water Inequality on the Navajo Nation.” Laura Bray. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society (August 6 – 9), Westminster, CO.
- 2020 “Pesticide Exposure and Transnational Legal Mobilization of Farmworkers.” Laura Bray, Nicholas Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas Shriver. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society (August 6 – 9), Westminster, CO.
- 2019 “Environmental Justice and Disaster Recovery: The Role of Citizen Science and Fecal Indicator Bacteria.” Gracie Hornsby, Olivia Vilá, Laura Bray, Angela Harris, and Bethany Cutts. Presented at UNC Water and Health Conference (October 7 – 11), Chapel Hill, NC. Poster.

- 2019 “Agrochemical Exposure and Environmental (In)justice: Legal Repression of Latin American Banana Workers.” Laura Bray, Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (August 10 – 13), New York.
- 2019 “Water Conflicts and Rural Environmental Justice.” Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13), Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 “Elite Cultural Work and Discursive Obstruction of Human Rights Activism.” Thomas E. Shriver, Annika Wilcox, and Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13), Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 “Repression and Dissent behind the Iron Curtain: Human Rights Activism in Romania.” Thomas E. Shriver, Adriana M. Szabo, and Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 10 – 13), Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 “Water Conflicts and Rural Environmental Justice.” Laura Bray. Presented at the Food and Environment Brownbag Series, North Carolina State University (April 4), Raleigh, NC.
- 2019 “Post-Disaster Environmental Risk: Insight Gained from Citizen Science Participation.” Olivia Vilá, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. Presented at the RISING NC Exhibit (March 28), Raleigh, NC. Poster.
- 2019 “Citizen Science in the Post-Disaster Context.” Olivia Vilá, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. Presented at the Citizen Science Association Conference (March 13 – 17), Raleigh, NC.
- 2019 “Environmental Recovery: Citizen Science in the Post-Disaster Context.” Olivia Vilá, Bethany Cutts, Angela Harris, Laura Bray, and Gracie Hornsby. Presented at the 6th Latin American Student Association Research Symposium, North Carolina State University (February 15), Raleigh, NC. Poster.
- 2019 “Agrochemical Exposure and Environmental (In)justice: Legal Repression of Latin American Banana Workers.” Laura Bray, Nicholas J. Membrez-Weiler, and Thomas E. Shriver. Presented at the Culture and Politics Workshop, University of North Carolina (February 15), Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2018 “Authoritarian Legitimacy and Elite Cohesion.” Laura Bray, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 4 – 7), New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “Discursive Obstruction and the Vilification of Grassroots Environmental Activists.” Alison E. Adams, Thomas E. Shriver, and Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 29 – April 1), Greenville, SC.
- 2017 “Mobilizing Grievances in an Authoritarian Setting: Threat and Emotional Liberation in the 1953 Plzeň Uprising.” Laura Bray, Thomas E. Shriver, and Alison E. Adams.

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 29 – April 1), Greenville, SC.

- 2017 “Media, Lay Knowledge and ‘Undone Science’ in the Elk River Chemical Spill.” Laura Bray. Presented at the North Carolina Sociological Association (February 17), High Point, NC.
- 2016 “Elite Framing and the Vilification of Dissent in Authoritarian Settings.” Thomas E. Shriver, Laura Bray, and Alison E. Adams. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (August 20 – 23), Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Agrochemical Exposure Abroad: The Cultural Dynamics of Transnational Tort Litigation.” Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 13 – 16), Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 “State Official Frames and the Vilification of Dissent.” Thomas E. Shriver, Allison E. Adams, and Laura Bray. “Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (April 13 – 16), Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 “Media Risk Framing in the Elk River Chemical Spill.” Laura Bray. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (March 25-28), New Orleans, LA.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – **Research Assistant** for Bethany B. Cutts (College of Natural Resources). “Project to Build Resilience and Innovation through Diverse Group Engagement: Long-Term Recovery from Hurricane Matthew.” Funded by NC Sea Grant, Foundation for the Carolinas, and UC Boulder Natural Hazards Center.
- 2014 – 2017 **Research Assistant** for Thomas Shriver (Sociology). “Elite Framing of Social Movements.” Funded by the National Science Foundation.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record

Technology in Society and Culture, *online* (Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, and Summer 2018)  
 Current Social Problems (Fall 2018, Fall 2017, and Spring 2017)  
 Sociology of Agriculture and Rural Society (Spring 2018)  
 Current Social Problems, *online* (Summer 2017)

### Teaching Assistant

Theories of Social Structure (Spring 2014)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### University & Department

Co-organizer, Environmental Justice and Health Working Group, 2019 – 2020  
Hiring Committee, Hurricane Recovery Interview Specialists, 2018 – 2019  
Lead Mentor, Lead Peer Mentoring Collaborative, 2017 – 2018  
Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2016 – 2017  
Climate Survey Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2015 – 2016  
Treasurer, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2015 – 2016  
Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Board, 2014 – 2015  
Finance Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2014 – 2015

### **Professional Meetings**

Session Presider, “Environmental Change and Inequality,” American Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2019.  
Session Presider, “Media, Mobilization, and Repression,” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2019.  
Session Presider, “Domestic and International Economic Development,” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2016.

### **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

*Environmental Sociology, Social Movement Studies, Social Problems, Sociological Perspectives*

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section  
Environmental Sociology Section  
Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences  
Rural Sociological Society  
Southern Sociological Society