

## **KATHLEEN SEXSMITH, Curriculum Vitae**

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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, U.S.A.**

PhD, 2017

Development Sociology

#### **University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.**

MPhil (Distinction), 2008

Development Studies

#### **University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada**

B.A. 2005

Economics (Honors)

### **APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS**

Elected Secretary of the Rural Sociological Society. (2022-2025)

External Advisory Committee member for IFPRI's (International Food Policy Research Institute's) Applying New Evidence for Women's Empowerment (ANEW) initiative. (2021-2023).

Exemplary Designation, 2021 Emerging Faculty Outreach Award. Penn State Outreach. (2021)

Rural Sociological Society Early Career Award. (2021)

Roy C. Buck Faculty Award. College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State University. (2017)

Eugene Havas Prize for best performance in MPhil in Development Studies program. Department of International Development, University of Oxford. (2008)

University Gold Medal for Highest Standing in the Faculty of Arts. University of Manitoba. (2005)

### **Teaching awards**

Excellence in Instruction Award. Rural Sociological Society. (2024)

Community of Teaching Excellence Award. College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State University. (2021)

NACTA Teaching Award of Merit. College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State University. (2019)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

\*Student co-author

### ***Peer-reviewed Journal Articles***

Scott, Christian\*, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, and Guangqing Chi. (2024). "Gendered Migration Patterns and Social Change in Rural Kyrgyzstan." *Migration and Development*. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/21632324241285086>

Velasco Palacios, Hazel\*, Paige Castellanos, Leif Jensen, Janelle Larson, Alfredo Reyes\*, Carolyn Sachs, Arie Sanders, and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. (2024). "Assessing the Effectiveness of Participatory Gender-Responsive Development Projects in Rural Honduras." *Rural Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ruso.12567>

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**, Ilse Huerta\*, Maria Gorgo, Effie Palacios\*, and Megan A.M. Griffin\*. (2024). "Farm Labor Shortage in the Pennsylvania Mushroom Industry: A Gender-Sensitive Comparison of Farmer and Farmworker Perspectives." *Rural Sociology* Vol 89 (3): 404-430.

Reyes, Francisco\* and **Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2024). "Workplace sexual harassment in waged agricultural employment: a literature review." *Journal of Agromedicine*. Vol 29, No 3: 516-530.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Richard Kiely. (2023). "Towards a transformative GSL ethics: How faculty Global Service-Learning instructors reconcile clashing personal and institutional values surrounding GSL." *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*. Vol 27: No 3: 5-29.

Velasco, Hazel\*, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, Maite Matheu, and Andrea Celeste Reiche\*. (2023). "Gendered adaptations to climate change in the Honduran coffee sector." *Women's Studies International Forum*. Vol. 98: 1-10.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2022). "The embodied precarity of year-round agricultural work: Health and safety risks among Latino/a immigrant dairy farmworkers." *Agriculture and Human Values* Vol. 39, pp. 357-370.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**, Effie Palacios\*, Maria Gorgo, and Ilse Huerta Arredondo\*. (2022). "Latino/a farmworkers' concerns about safety and health in the Pennsylvania mushroom industry." *Journal of Agromedicine* Vol. 27, No. 2, pp. 169-182.

Weiler, Anelyse, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, and Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern (2020). "Parallel precarity: A comparison of United States and Canadian Agricultural Guestworker Programs." *The International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*, Vol. 26, No. 2, pp 143-163.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2020). "Decoding worker 'reliability': Modern agrarian values and immigrant labor on New York dairy farms." *Rural Sociology*, Vol. 84, No. 4, pp 706-735.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2017). "*But We Can't Call 9-1-1*": Undocumented Migrant Farmworkers and Access to Social Protection on New York Dairies." *Oxford Development Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 1, pp. 96-111.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2016). "Exit, Voice, Constrained Loyalty, and Entrapment: Migrant Farmworkers and the Expression of Discontent on New York Dairy Farms." *Citizenship Studies*, Vol. 20, No. 3-4, pp. 311.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Philip McMichael. (2015). "Formulating the SDGs: Reproducing or Reimagining State-Centered Development?" *Globalizations*, Vol. 12, No. 4, pp. 581.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2009). "Violent Conflict and social transformation: an institutionalist approach to the role of informal economic networks." *European Journal of Development Research*, Vol. 21, No. 1, pp. 26.

### **Co-edited Volumes**

Sachs, Carolyn, Leif Jensen, Paige Castellanos, and **Kathleen Sexsmith** (Eds). (2020). *Handbook of Gender and Agriculture*. Routledge.

Loxley, John, Jim Silver, and **Kathleen Sexsmith** (Eds.) (2007). *Doing Community Economic Development*. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing.

### **Guest editorships**

Hoffelmeyer, Michaela, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, and Leland Glenna. Divergent approaches to the 'family farm': celebrate, reform, or abolish? Special symposium of *Agriculture and Human Values* Vol 41 (4). December 2024.

Van Tulder, Rob, Suzana Braga Rodrigues, Hafiz Mirza, and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. Guest editors: The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): What Role for Multinational

Enterprises? Special issue of *Journal of International Business Policy* Vol. 4, No. 1, March 2021.

### **Book Chapters**

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Rebecca Tarlau. (Forthcoming). Chapter 15: Agricultural Work: Unfreedom and Resistance. In Jonathan Preminger, Stephanie Limoncelli, Ödül Bozkurt & Chris Rees (Eds.). *Handbook of the Sociology of Work*. Edward Elgar Publishing.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Megan Griffin\*\*. (2020). "Gender and Precarious Work in Agriculture." Chapter 25 in Sachs, Carolyn, Leif Jensen, Paige Castellanos, and Kathleen Sexsmith (Eds). *Routledge Handbook of Gender and Agriculture*. Routledge. Pp 326-335.

Palacios, Effie\*\* and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. (2020). "Occupational Justice for Latinx Livestock Workers." Chapter in Thomas Arcury and Sara Quandt *Latinx Farmworkers in the Eastern United States – Health, Safety, and Justice. Second Edition*. Springer. Pp. 107-131.

Gretchen Purser, Fabiola Ortiz Valdez, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, Rebecca Fuentes & Carly Fox. (2020). "Milking Research for Social Change: Immigrant Dairy Farmworkers in Upstate New York." Ch 10 in Susan Greenbaum, Glenn Jacobs, and Prentice Zinn (Eds). *Collaborating for Change: A Casebook of Participatory Action Research*. Rutgers University Press.

Tickamyer, Ann R. and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. (2019). "How to Do Gender Research? Feminist Perspectives on Gender Research in Agriculture." Chapter 4 in Carolyn Sachs (Ed). *Gender, Agriculture and Agrarian Transformations*. Routledge University Press. Pp. 57-71

Kiely, Richard and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. (2018). "Innovative Considerations in Faculty Development and S-LCE: New Perspectives for the Future." Ch 12 In Becca Berkey, Cara Meixner, Patrick Green, and Emily Eddins (Eds). *Reconceptualizing Faculty Development in Service-Learning/ Community Engagement: Exploring Intersections, Frameworks, and Models of Practice*. Stylus Publishing. Pp 283-314.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2017). "Milking Networks for All They're Worth: Precarious Migrant Life and the Process of Consent on New York Dairies." Ch 11 in Melanie DuPuis, Matt Garcia & Don Mitchell (Eds.). *Food Across Borders*. Rutgers University Press. Pp 201-218.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2012). "Towards Gender Equality in Global Sustainable Consumption and Production Agreements." Ch 4 in Harcourt, Wendy (Ed.). *Women Reclaiming Sustainable Livelihoods: Spaces Gained, Spaces Lost*. Palgrave Macmillan. Pp 42-61.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Aaron Pettman. (2007). "Aboriginal Employment in the Banking Sector in Manitoba." Ch 13 In John Loxley, Jim Silver and Kathleen Sexsmith (Eds.). *Doing Community Economic Development*. Fernwood Publishing.

### **Book Reviews**

**Sexsmith, Kathleen.** (2021). "Daily Labors: Marketing Identity and Bodies on a New York City Street Corner" by Carolyn Pinedo-Turnovsky. *Contemporary Sociology* Vol. 50, No. 4: 339-341.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen.** (2019). "For-Profit Democracy: Why the Government is Losing the Trust of Rural America" by Loka Ashwood. *American Journal of Sociology* Vol. 125, No. 2. Pp. 577-579.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen.** (2013). "This Land is Ours Now: Social Mobilization and the Meanings of Land in Brazil by Wendy Wolford." *Journal of Peasant Studies* Vol. 40, No. 2, pp. 452-6.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen.** (2009). "Fair Trade and a Global Commodity: Coffee in Costa Rica, by Peter Luetchford." *Journal of the Anthropological Society of Oxford-online*, New Series Vol. 1, No. 2, pp. 240-242.

### **Research Reports**

Velaszo, Hazel\*, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, and Andrea Celeste Reiche González. (2021). *Impacts of Climate Change from a Gender Perspective: Exploratory Study*. Research report published by CARE. [Spanish version: *Impactos del cambio climático desde una perspectiva de género: Estudio exploratorio*.]

**Sexsmith, Kathleen.** (2019). *Leveraging Voluntary Sustainability Standards for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment in Agriculture. A Guide Based on the Sustainable Development Goals for Development Organizations*. Winnipeg, Canada: International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

[multiple contributing authors.] (2017). *ASEAN 50 2017: A Historical Milestone for FDI and MNEs in ASEAN*. ASEAN Secretariat & Australian Aid.

Fox, Carly, Rebecca Fuentes, Fabiola Ortiz, Gretchen Purser, and **Kathleen Sexsmith.** (2017). *Milked: Immigrant Dairy Farmworkers in New York State*. Published by the Workers' Center of Central New York and the Worker Justice Center of New York.

\*\*\*ASA Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology (SPPS) Publication Award.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**, Carin Smaller and Will Speller. (2017). “How to Improve Gender Equality in Agriculture?” Policy Brief #5: Investment in Agriculture. Winnipeg, Canada: International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2017). “Promoting Gender Equality in Foreign Agricultural Investments: Lessons from Voluntary Sustainability Standards.” Winnipeg: IISD.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Jason Potts. (2009). “Voluntary Sustainability Standards and Economic Rents: The economic impacts of voluntary sustainability standards along the coffee, fisheries and forestry value chains.” Winnipeg: IISD.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Jason Potts. (2009). “Voluntary Sustainability Standards and Value Chain Governance: How sustainability standards affect the distribution of decision-making power in global value chains.” Winnipeg: IISD.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** with Aaron Pettman. (2005). “Aboriginal Employment in the Banking Sector in Manitoba.” 28 June, 2006. Winnipeg: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives-Manitoba.

### ***Newspaper & Popular Press***

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Greg Asbed. “[Farmworkers Cannot Wait for OSHA to Adequately Protect Them From Heat. The Fair Food Program Provides a Solution.](#)” Modern Farmer. Published June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**, Francisco Reyes, and Megan A.M. Griffin. “[Sexual violence is a pervasive threat for female farm workers – here’s how the US could reduce their risk.](#)” The Conversation. Published July 31<sup>st</sup> 2023.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Ilse Huerta Arredondo\*\*. (2019). “Labor shortage in the mushroom industry: Worker and employer perspectives.” *Mushroom News*, October.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen** and Rossana Coto-Batres. (2017). “Farmworkers deserve better than Guestworker Act.” Commentary in *Albany TimesUnion*, November 23.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2017). Introduction to the Special Section: Immigrant farmworkers in Northeast Agriculture: Life, labor conditions, and organizing for change. *Voices of Mexico*, Issue #102. Center for Research on North America, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). p. 97.

**Sexsmith, Kathleen**. (2017). “The Transnational Lives of Migrant Youth on New York dairies.” *Voices of Mexico*, Issue #102. Center for Research on North America, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). pp. 107-110.

### **GRANTS**

## Research Grants

Sexsmith, K., Barragan, A., Kemanian, A., Becot, F., and Gorgo-Simcox, M. “Advancing climate-smart agriculture for farmworkers.” Strategic Networks and Initiatives Program, College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State University. \$22,000. 12/2024 – 03/2027.

Gorgo-Simcox, M., Falcone, L., Kassube, H., Sexsmith, K., Weber, D., Lorenzoni Calvo, A., and Peter, K. “Success Skills in Spanish 4 Ag (SSS4A).” AgriProspects Workforce Development Network, Extension Foundation. \$95,764. 09/2024 – 08/2026.

McShane, M., Kowalkowski, J., and Sexsmith, K. “Connecting the Network: Establishing a Coalition Toward Increased Immunization Rates in Central Pennsylvania.” Clinical and Translational Science Institute ‘Bridges to Translation’ IX Pilot Award, Penn State University. \$50,000. 07/2024 – 06/2025.

Duiker S., Larson, J., Sexsmith, K., Foster, D., Miller Foster, M., Butler, T. “Outreach and Education in Conservation Agriculture in Kenya.” College of Agricultural Sciences ‘Science to Practice’ Grant, Penn State University. \$9,720. 11/2023 – 12/2024.

Lopez-Uribe, M., Underwood, R., Gorgo, M., Sexsmith, K., and Sanchez, E. “Assessing opportunities and barriers for the incorporation of beekeeping as a side livelihood strategy in the LatinX community. College of Agricultural Sciences ‘Science to Practice’ Grant, Penn State University. \$10,000. 10/2023-09/2024.

**\*\*Awarded second round of funding, \$10,000, 10/2024 – 09/2025.**

Brennan, M., Finefter-Rosenbluh, I., Sexsmith, K., Lindemann, J., Reimer, K. “Sustainable Community Development, Active Citizenship, and Environmental Ethics: Empowering Marginalized Youth as Agents of Change.” Penn State Global and Monash University. \$19,873. 06/2023-12/2024.

Kemanian, A. (PI), Multiple co-PIs, Sexsmith, K. (co-PI). “Climate-smart Agriculture that is Profitable, Regenerative, Actionable, and Trustworthy (CARAT).” USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. \$25,000,000. 2023-2027.

**\*\*Team lead for reaching under-served audiences.**

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Gorgo, M., and Barragan, A. “Assessing the Quality and Quantity of Housing for the PA Agricultural Workforce.” Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. \$43,101. 07/2022 – 06/2024.

Sexsmith, K. (PI). “Impacts of COVID pandemic on unpaid care work among food system workers.” Oxfam America. \$8,844. 05/2022 – 12/2022.

Zimmerer, K., Sexsmith, K. (co-PI) and Castellanos, P. “A Gender-Sensitive Analysis of the Global Biodiversity of Food and Agriculture (Agrobiodiversity) and Value to Food/Nutrition Security in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Experiences of Indigenous

Communities in Latin America.” Penn State Sustainability Institute. \$10,000. 06/2021-05/2022.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Castellanos, P., Larson, J., Jensen, L., and Warner, A. “Climate Intensified Water Stress, Public Health, and Gender-Based Violence: Assessing the Relationships between Security Crises through Participatory Methods in Rural Honduras.” Center for Security Research and Education, Penn State University. \$30,000. 03/2021 – 09/2022.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Castellanos, P., Maich, K., and Glenna, L. “Impacts of COVID-19 crisis on unpaid and underpaid care work among food system workers.” Oxfam America. \$15,000. 03/2021 – 03/2022.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Gorgo, M. (PI), Sanchez, E., and Baugher, T. “Supporting Career Transitions to Commercial Sustainable Agriculture: An integrated approach with aspiring and small-scale Latinx growers in Pennsylvania.” College of Agricultural Sciences ‘Science to Practice’ Grant, Penn State University. \$10,000. 11/2020 – 11/2021.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Castellanos, P., Glenna, L. “Identifying Success Factors for Scaling Up Saving for Change.” Oxfam America. \$48,594. 01/2020 - 10/2020.

Singh, S. Fox, C. Ramsaroop, C. Xiuhtecutli, N., and Sexsmith, K. (co-PI). “Farmworkers’ Participatory Research Project on Automation, Technology, and Surveillance.” Sociological Initiatives Foundation. \$20,000. 01/2020 - 02/2021.

Singh, S., Fox, C., and Sexsmith, K. (co-PI). “Impacts of automation on farmworkers.” Center for Democracy and Organizing, University of California, Berkeley. \$5,000. 11/2019 - 06/2020.

Sexsmith, K. (PI) and Glenna, L. “Global Poverty Hotspots: Linking Global Commodity Chains to Extreme Poverty.” Oxfam America. \$5,000. 06/2019 – 08/2019.

Curry, K. and Sexsmith, K. (co-PI). “Analyzing Gender Differences in Pennsylvania School-based Agricultural Education.” Social Science Research Institute, Penn State University. \$3,340. 03/2019 – 03/2021.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Snipes, A., Pate, M., Gorgo-Gourovitch, M., and Rajotte, E. “Understanding and Addressing the Labor Shortage in the Pennsylvania Mushroom Industry.” American Mushroom Institute. \$6,642. 09/2018 – 08/2020.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Snipes, A., Pate, M., Gorgo-Gourovitch, M., and Rajotte, E. “Gender Analysis of Occupational Health and its Relation to Labor Shortage for Immigrant Workers on Pennsylvania Mushroom Farms.” Population Research Institute, Penn State University. \$14,631. 03/2018 – 06/2020.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), McMichael, P. “Milking Networks for All They’re Worth: Moral Economies in New York Dairy Production.” National Science Foundation Doctoral



Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Sociology Program. \$10,419. 01/2014 – 08/2016.

Sexsmith, K. (PI). “Transnationalism and migratory circulation.” Dissertation Proposal Development Fund, Social Sciences Research Council. 06/2012 – 09/2012.

Sexsmith, K. (PI). “Dairy Farmworker Organizing in Upstate New York: Assessing Farmworker Empowerment, and Supporting WJCNY Campaigns for Change.” American Sociological Association Spivack Program Community Action Research Initiative. \$2,019. 04/2015 – 04/2016.

Fox, C., Fuentes, R., Ortiz, F., Purser, G., and Sexsmith, K. (co-PI). “Documenting Wage and Working Conditions of Immigrant Workers on New York Dairy Farms.” Sociological Initiatives Foundation. \$20,000. 02/2014 – 11/2015.

Cornell University travel research grants for PhD dissertation: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Association, Department of Development Sociology, Engaged Learning + Research, Graduate School, Institute for Social Studies Theme Project on Immigration Research Travel Grant, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Latin American Studies Program, Latino Studies Program.

Sexsmith, K. (PI). “Power relations in the Fair Trade value chain.” University of Oxford Department of International Development El Ghonemy Research Grant. Summer 2007.

### **Teaching Grants and Fellowships**

Engagement Faculty Academy Fellow. Student Engagement Network, Penn State University. (2022-23) (Withdrawn)

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Habashy, N., Ingram, P. “Developing skills for promoting gender equity in the agricultural workforce.” USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Higher Education Challenge Grant (Standard Grant). \$149,000. 01/2023 – 12/2025.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Behring, D., Castellanos, P., Jensen, L., Larson, J., Barbercheck, M., Habashy, N., Mendum, R., and Miller Foster, M. “Graduate student workshop and summer internship program with Oxfam on the gender dynamics of the agri-food system.” USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Higher Education Challenge Grant (Planning Grant). \$30,000. 04/2020 – 04/2021.

Sexsmith, K. (co-PI) and Miller-Foster, M. “Community Engaged Learning with Pennsylvania Farmworkers.” Innovative Teaching Award, Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. \$3,000. (Deferred to 2021).

Sexsmith, K. (co-PI) and Miller-Foster, M. “Community Engaged Learning with Pennsylvania Farmworkers.” Harbaugh Faculty Scholars Program, Office of

Undergraduate Education, College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State University. \$4,800. 06/2019 – 06/2020.

Sexsmith, K. (co-PI) and Miller-Foster, M. “Community Engaged Learning with Pennsylvania Farmworkers.” Teaching Support Grant, Schreyer Institute for Teaching Excellence, Penn State University. \$3,300. 07/2019 – 07/2020.

Sexsmith, K. (co-PI) and Miller-Foster, M. “English Language Instruction for Latino Immigrant Dairy Farmworkers: A Service-Learning Program.” Harbaugh Faculty Scholars Program, Office of Undergraduate Education, College of Agricultural Sciences, Penn State University. \$5,000. 06/2018 – 06/2019.

### **Extension and Outreach Grants**

Sexsmith, K. (co-PI) and Sivaprasad Wadhia, S. “Know-Your-Rights Trainings for PA Restaurant and Agricultural Workers.” Penn State Center – Philadelphia. \$4,929. 01/2020-01/2021.

Bull, C., Sexsmith, K. (co-PI), Gorgo-Gourovitch, M., Sanchez, E.S., Miller Foster, M.J., Rajotte, E.J., Weltman, S., Rice, J. “Forming a Penn State Extension Latinx Agricultural Network.” Penn State Extension. \$24,960. 02/2019 – 02/2020.

Sexsmith, K. (PI), Gorgo-Gourovitch, M., Weber, D. and Dudley, M.J. “Identifying Strategies to Improve Workplace Communication on Pennsylvania Tree Fruit Farms.” Penn State Extension. \$7,082. 05/2019 – 06/2020.

### **Doctoral Fellowships**

Council of Women World Leaders, Environmental Policy Graduate Fellowship at Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea. Summer 2009.

Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Excellence Fellowship. 2009-2014

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), Doctoral Fellowship for Cornell University. 2009-2013

Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (Canada), MPhil fellowship for University of Oxford. 2006-2008

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Professional conferences**

\*\* Graduate student co-author/ presenter

**Kathleen Sexsmith**, Maria Gorgo, Adrian Barragan, Lourdes Perez\*\*, and Hazel Velasco\*\*. “Farmworker housing challenges in the Pennsylvania mushroom and dairy industries.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (Madison, WI, July 2024).

**Kathleen Sexsmith**, Adrian Barragan and Veronica Villena. ““Baptized by fire” Occupational health and safety risks to U.S.-born and immigrant farmworkers on Pennsylvania dairy farms.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (Burlington, VT, August 2023).

Reyes, Francisco\*\* and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. “Workplace sexual harassment in waged agricultural employment.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (Burlington, VT, August 2023).

Hazel Velasco\*\*, Rosario Castro, Paige Castellanos, Kathryn Maich, and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. “Care Realities of Food System Workers during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (Burlington, VT, August 2023).

**Kathleen Sexsmith**, Marcela Martinez, Adrian Barragan, and Veronica Villena. “COVID-19 Vaccination on Pennsylvania Dairy Farms: A Comparison of US-born and Latino Immigrant Worker Perspectives.” 2023 Community and Public Health Conference. (State College, PA, June 2023).

Gloria Mangoni\*\*, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, and Brian Thiede. “Housing violations on Pennsylvania Seasonal Farm Labor Camps.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (Westminster, CO, August 2022).

**Kathleen Sexsmith**, Melanie Miller Foster, Laura Cruz, and Noel Habashy. “Ethical considerations for community-engaged learning with PA farmworkers.” Engaged Scholarship Consortium 2021 Conference. (Virtual presentation, September 2021).

Panelist: “Defetishizing the Family Farm: Alternative Perspectives on Farm Life”. Rural Sociological Society, presenters **Kathleen Sexsmith**, Justine Lindemann, and Isaac Leslie. (Virtual presentation, July 2021).

**Kathleen Sexsmith** and Megan Griffin\*\*. “ ‘Who doesn’t deserve 25 cents?’ Gender and employment conditions on Pennsylvania mushroom packing plants.” Agricultural and Human Values Association. (Virtual presentation, June 2021).

Maria Vivanco\*\*, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, Paige Castellanos, and Leland Glenna. “ ‘Empowerment can’t be translated into Maya’: Perceptions of empowerment and gender justice among members of women’s savings groups in Central America.” Rural Sociological Association Annual Meeting. (Virtual presentation, June 2021).

Kendra Flood\*\*, Kevin Curry, and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. “Gender Stereotypes of Suits and Boots: Student Perceptions of Gender in School-based Agricultural Education and

Careers.” American Educational Research Association Conference. (Virtual presentation, April 2021).

Kendra Flood\*\*, Kevin Curry, and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. “Gender Stereotypes of Suits and Boots: Student Perceptions of Gender in School-based Agricultural Education and Careers.” North Central American Association for Agricultural Education (NC AAEE) and National Learner Centered Teaching Virtual Conference. (Virtual presentation, October 2020). ***Distinguished Manuscript Award***.

Hazel Velasco Palacios\*\* and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. “Gender effects of climate change: Perceptions of smallholder coffee farmers in Intibucá, Honduras.” Rural Sociological Society Gender and Sexuality Research Interest Group. (Virtual presentation, August 2020).

**Kathleen Sexsmith**, Maria Gorgo-Gourovitch, Effie Palacios\*\*, Ilse Huerta Arredondo\*\*, and Maria Armington. “Worker Perspectives on the Labor Shortage on Pennsylvania Mushroom Farms.” Rural Sociological Society. (Richmond, VA, August 2019).

Anelyse Weiler, Laura Anne Minkoff-Zern, and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. “Parallel Precarity: A Comparison of United States and Canadian Agricultural Guestworker Programs.” American Association of Geographers. (Washington, DC, April 2019).

Christian Scott\*\*, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, Michaela Hoffelmeyer\*\*, and Guangqing Chi. “‘Women are Fond of Money Now’: Gendered Migration Patterns and Social Change in Rural Kyrgyzstan.” Population Association of America. (Austin, TX, April 2019).

Dudley, Mary Jo and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. “Farmworker Youth and Uneven Legal Geographies in Rural Upstate New York.” Migrant Illegality Across Uneven Legal Geography: A Two-Part Convening. (Brown University, October 2018)

Hoffelmeyer, Michaela\*\*, **Kathleen Sexsmith**, Kathryn Brasier, Hannah Whitley\*\*, and Elisabeth Garner\*\*. “Farming against the grain: A spatial and temporal analysis of U.S. women farmers, 1997-2012.” Rural Sociological Association. (Portland, OR, July 2018).

Richard Kiely and **Kathleen Sexsmith**. “A Multi-Year Study of Faculty Learning in Global Service-Learning and Community Engagement: An Emerging Theory of Critically Reflective Practice.” International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement. (Galway, Ireland, September 2017).

**Kathleen Sexsmith** and Rebecca Fuentes. “Milk Cows, Not Workers: Dairy Farmworker Organizing in New York State.” Growing food worker power: Creative forms of worker organizing across the food system. (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, March 2017).

**Kathleen Sexsmith** and Agustín Omar Rodríguez Juárez\*\*. “Salida, Voz, Lealtad – y Atrapamiento: Trabajadores Lecheros en Nueva York.” Seminario sobre Migración, Investigadores Visitantes, CISAN-UNAM. (Mexico City, February 2016).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “La Vida Indocumentada en la “Otra Frontera”: Paternalismo y el Proceso Laboral en las Lecherías de Nueva York.” Seminario de Investigadores Visitantes, CISAN-UNAM. (Mexico City, February 2016).

**Kathleen Sexsmith** and Roberto Gonzales. “Farmworker Youth, DACA, and Belonging in California’s Central Valley.” International Metropolis Conference (Mexico City, September 2015).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “Perilous Peripheries: Producing Precarious Migrant Labor in the Borderlands.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress (San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015).

**Kathleen Sexsmith** and Mary Jo Dudley. “Deferred Access for Rural Childhood Arrivals: DACA’s Urban Bias and Undocumented Farmworkers in Upstate New York.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference (New York, February 2015).

Richard Kiely and **Kathleen Sexsmith.** “Faculty experiences in Global Service-Learning: A Qualitative Study.” International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement. (New Orleans, September 2014).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “The politics of OSHA regulatory reform in the New York dairy industry: Reproducing or exposing the agrarian myth?” Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society Annual Conference. (University of Vermont, June 2014).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “Industrial Restructuring, Moral Obligation, and Undocumented Immigrant Labor on New York Dairy Farms.” International Studies Association 2014 Annual Convention. (Toronto, March 2014).

**Kathleen Sexsmith** and Mary Jo Dudley. “Who has the right to DREAM? Access to DACA among Undocumented Youth on New York Dairy Farms.” Latino Communities in Old and New Destinations: Multi-disciplinary Approaches to Assessing the Impact of Legal Reforms. (University of South Florida, November 2013).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “Everyday life under multiple exclusions: Undocumented Mexican youth working on New York dairy farms.” Illegality, Youth and Belonging: International Symposium. (Harvard University, October 2013.)

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “Milking Networks for All They’re Worth: Moral Economies in New York Dairy Production.” European Society for Rural Sociology Congress XXV. (Florence, Italy, July 2013).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** "Engaging the Invisible: Reciprocity as Action Research with Undocumented Immigrants on New York dairy farms." Graduate Engaged Research Conference. (Cornell University, May 2013).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** "Defining reciprocity in research." American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Geographies of Hope Symposium. (Los Angeles, April 2013). (panelist)

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** "Does Fair Trade create solidarity rents? Empowerment and disempowerment of smallholder coffee farmers in a Fair Trade global value chain." Canadian Association for Food Studies Annual Meeting. (University of New Brunswick, Canada, May 2011).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** "Patriarchy and global capitalism: Applying a gender lens to food regimes." Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association. (Florida Atlantic University, Florida, April 2010).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** "Power relations in the fair trade coffee global value chain." Polson Institute for Global Development ENCORE conference. (Cornell University, January 2010).

### **Invited presentations and panels**

Invited panelist for roundtable event, "Career Panel for International / 'Majority World' Students: Navigating the Post-Graduate School Job Search," Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society Annual Conference (Virtual, May 2022).

Invited panelist for United Nations Forum on Sustainability Standards event, "Applying Gender Lens on Sustainability Standards and Certification Systems for International Trade". (Virtual presentation, March 2021).

Workers' Center of Central New York and **Kathleen Sexsmith.** "Food Chain Workers are Always Essential". (Hamilton College, March 2021).

Workers' Center of Central New York and **Kathleen Sexsmith.** "Milked: Immigrant Dairy Farmworkers in New York State". (Binghamton University, March 2019).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** "*Somos soñadores*: Assessing concepts and strategies for organizing farmworkers in the New York dairy industry." Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. (Syracuse University, February 2014).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** "Power relations in the fair trade coffee global value chain." Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics. (St Cross College, University of Oxford, May 2008).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “Power relations in the fair trade coffee global value chain.” Said Business School Fair Trade Research Group. (Said Business School, University of Oxford, June 2008).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “Ethical Coffee Production in Chiapas: How participation in the FairTrade market empowers and/or disempowers cooperatives and small producer families.” (Centre for Fair and Alternative Trade Studies, Colorado State University, September 2007).

**Kathleen Sexsmith.** “El café ético en Chiapas.” (Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS) Unidad Sur-Este, Chiapas, Mexico, September 2007).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Graduate student advising at Penn State University**

#### **PhD Committee Chair**

##### **Current**

Supriya Joshi, PhD in Rural Sociology

Francisco Alfredo Reyes Rocha, dual-title PhD in Rural Sociology and International Agriculture and Development

Emily Southard, dual-title PhD in Rural Sociology and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Hazel Velasco Palacios, PhD in Rural Sociology and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies (also advised M.S. in Rural Sociology, graduated 2022)

##### **Completed**

Sara Bonilla Anariba, dual-title PhD in Rural Sociology and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment (Co-Chair with Kathryn Brasier) (2024. Placement: Postdoctoral Researcher, WorldFish, Nairobi, Kenya).

Michaela Hoffelmeyer, dual-title PhD in Rural Sociology and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies (2023. Placement: Assistant Professor in Public Engagement with Agriculture in the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison)

#### **M.S. Committee Chair**

Andrés Mayorga, dual-title M.S. in Rural Sociology and International Agriculture and Development (co-chair with Dr. Andrew Smolski)

Effie Palacios, dual-title M.S. in Rural Sociology and International Agriculture and Development (graduated 2020)

Megan Griffin, dual-title M.S. in Rural Sociology and International Agriculture and Development (graduated 2022)

#### **M.P.S Paper Advisor**

Veronica Calle Goldman, M.P.S. in Community and Economic Development (graduated 2020)

Rachel Smallwood, M.P.S. in Community and Economic Development (graduated 2020)

Khaled Edwan, M.P.S. in Community and Economic Development (graduated 2021)

#### PhD Committee Member

Gloria Mangoni, PhD in Rural Sociology

Sovanneary Huot, PhD in Rural Sociology

Kaitlin Fischer, PhD in Rural Sociology

Lina Tami Barrera, PhD in Rural Sociology

Emma Chiaroni, PhD in Rural Sociology and Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment

Marie Louise Ryan, PhD in Geography

Chanel Lange-Maney, PhD in Geography

Tejaswini Joshi, PhD in Information Sciences and Technology

Nan Yang, PhD in Landscape Architecture

Lourdes Perez, PhD in Biobehavioral Health

Keia Jones, PhD in Rural Sociology

Ankita Karmakar, PhD in Landscape Architecture

Christian Scott, dual-title PhD in Rural Sociology and International Agriculture and Development (graduated 2021)

Maria Vivanco, PhD in Rural Sociology (graduated 2022)

Carolyn Reyes, dual-title PhD in Rural Sociology and Demography (graduated 2022)

Jacklyn Weier, dual-title PhD in Geography and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (graduated 2022)

Noel Habashy, PhD in Agricultural and Extension Education (graduated 2019)

#### External PhD Committee Member

Jacqueline Salguero Huaman, PhD at United Nations University – Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT)

#### M.S. Committee Member

Hannah Whitley, M.S. in Rural Sociology (graduated 2019)

Emily Southard, M.S. in Rural Sociology (graduated 2021)

Cara Adrien, M.S. in Rural Sociology (graduated 2022)

#### M.P.S. Committee Member

Pierre Garcia, M.P.S. in Community and Economic Development (graduated 2019)

Caitlin Fager, M.P.S. in Community and Economic Development (graduated 2022)

Olivia Gray, M.P.S. in Community and Economic Development (graduated 2022)

Golden Joel Hardy, M.P.S. in Community and Economic Development (graduated 2023)

#### Undergraduate Honors Thesis advising

Falynn Dunkelberger, BA in International Politics and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies (graduated 2021)



### **Graduate courses taught at Penn State**

Gender and Agricultural Development (RSOC/WMNST 597)  
Qualitative Research Methods (RSOC 514)

### **Undergraduate courses taught at Penn State**

Gender and International Development (CED/WMNST 420W)  
Service-Learning with PA farmworkers (CED 497)  
Community Development: Concepts and Practice (CED 152)  
Development Issues in the Global Context (CED 230)

### **CONSULTING AND ADVISING**

**International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).** Assisted with gender integration initiative in the Economic Law and Policy Program. Revised 'The IISD Guide to Negotiating Investment Contracts for Farmland and Water' to be gender mainstreamed. 2015-18.

**The World Bank.** Assignment with Agriculture group to review and contribute writing to the Responsible Agricultural Investment Knowledge in Action Note series. 2017.

**CARE International.** Researched the gender dynamics of adoption and upscaling of Climate-Smart interventions in the agriculture, forestry, fisheries, aquaculture, and livestock sectors. 2017.

**CIMMYT (International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center), Texcoco, Mexico.** Supported the Director General, Dr. Martin Kropff on CGIAR governance re-organization and other organizational matters. 2016.

**Cornell Farmworker Program.** Provided support with grant preparation, research, and report writing for extension programming. 2011-2016.

**Engaged Learning + Research,** Cornell University. Researched global service-learning, faculty development, and engaged scholarship at U.S. universities and colleges. 2013-2015.

**MEDA Peru.** Collected and analyzed socio-economic data on smallholder coffee farmers. 2005.

### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

**Editorial Board Member for Peer-Reviewed Journals**  
*Journal of International Business Policy*

**Reviewer for Peer-Reviewed Journals**

*Agriculture and Human Values*  
*American Journal of Industrial Medicine*  
*Anthropology of Work*  
*Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment*  
*Development Studies Research*  
*Entrepreneurship Research Journal*  
*FOCAAL: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*  
*Gender, Place and Culture*  
*Gender, Technology, and Development*  
*Global Labour Journal*  
*Globalizations*  
*International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care*  
*International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*  
*Journal of Agromedicine*  
*Journal of International Business Policy*  
*Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*  
*Qualitative Sociology*  
*Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*  
*Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*  
*Rural Sociology*  
*Social Problems*  
*Society and Natural Resources*  
*Sociological Forum*  
*Studies in Social Justice*  
*Women's Studies International Forum*  
*World Development Sustainability*

**Service to department, college, and university**

College of Agricultural Sciences Student Activities Committee member (2021-2024)  
 Search Committee Chairperson, for Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology (2024)  
 Rural Sociology Graduate Program Committee (2018-2021; 2023-)  
 AESE Awards Committee member (2021-2022)  
 Co-facilitator, Rural Sociology Program Anti-Racism Book Club (2020-2022)  
 Faculty Advisory Committee member for Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (2018-2020)  
 Community Environment and Development Undergraduate Program Committee (2018-2021)  
 Rural Sociology Hiring Committee member (2018- 19)  
 Rural Sociology Seminar Committee member (2018)  
 Reviewer for College of Agriculture Graduate Student Competitive Grants Program (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)  
 Reviewer for Schreyer Honor College admissions (2017)

**Professional memberships**

Rural Sociological Society  
Agriculture and Human Values Society

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish (advanced proficiency)