

# Erica Zurawski

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## *Curriculum Vitae / July 2022*

### **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. in Sociology	expected 2024
Advisors: Julie Guthman (chair), Miriam Greenberg, Hillary Angelo University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA	
M.A. in Sociology	2020
University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA	
J.D. with Concentration in International and Comparative Law	2013
University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI	
B.A. in Spanish Literature, Communication Arts	2010
Global Cultures Certificate; Leadership Certificate University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI	

### **RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Critical Food Studies; Urban Sociology; Legal Geographies; Spatial Imaginaries & Spatial Justice; Uneven Development & Geographies of Exclusion

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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#### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

2020. Guthman, Julie and Erica Zurawski. “If I need to put more armor on, I can’t carry more guns’: the collective action problem of breeding for productivity in the California strawberry industry.” *The International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food* 26(1).
2018. Zurawski, Erica. “The Phenomenon of the Park Slope Food Coop: The Stakes of De-Politicized Monotony.” *Graduate Journal of Food Studies* 5, no. 2.  
<https://gradfoodstudies.org/2018/12/11/the-phenomenon-of-the-park-slope/>
2017. Zurawski, Erica. Review of Abbots, Emma-Jayne. *The Agency of Eating: Mediation, Food, and the Body*. Bloomsbury Academic, 2017. ix, 192 pp. In the *Graduate Journal of Food Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 1.  
<https://gradfoodstudies.org/2018/06/01/review-the-agency-of-eating/>

#### **Book Chapters**

- Forthcoming. [Chapter Proposal Accepted, Publication Anticipated 2022-2023] Zurawski, Erica and Alanna K. Higgins. “Radical Legal Geographies of Food Desert Policy: Tracing Spatial Imaginaries of Nothingness,” in *Radical Food Geographies Book Project*, Bristol University Press.

## **AWARDS & GRANTS**

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2022	UCSC Science & Justice Research Center Building Diversity Fellow
2022	UCSC Graduate Dean's Research Travel Grant
2020	UCSC Sociology Department Research and Travel Award
2020	AAG Geographies of Food and Agriculture Graduate Research Award
2019	UC Global Food Initiative Fellowship Recipient
2018	UC Santa Cruz Science & Justice Training Program Fellow
2019	UCSC Graduate Student Association Student Travel Grant
2019	Association for the Study of Food & Society Local Event Grant
2018	Association for the Study of Food & Society Student Travel Grant
2018	Graduate Association of Food Studies Conference Student Travel Award
2018	UCSC Graduate Student Association Student Travel Grant
2018	American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award
2018	Association for the Study of Food & Society Student Travel Grant
2018	Summer Fellowship, University of California Santa Cruz
2017	Regents' Fellowship, University of California Santa Cruz
2017	Sociology Department Fellowship, University of California Santa Cruz
2013	Student Travel Grant, Willem C. Vis International Moot, East Asian Legal Studies Center, University of Wisconsin Law School

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & PARTICIPATION**

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### **Conferences Organized**

2019 The Futures of Critical Food Studies, University of California Santa Cruz  
(Organized with Halie Kampman)

### **Panels Organized**

2022 "Interdisciplinary Engagements Beyond the 'Food Desert'," at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY (Organized with Alanna K. Higgins)

2019 "Conversations on Scholar-Activism and Public-Facing Scholarship in Food Studies," Association for the Study of Food & Society Conference, University of Alaska

### **Papers Presented**

2021 "[Food] Desert Imperialism: Desert Imaginaries, Wasteland Narratives & the Ideology of Improvement" at the Just Food ASFS, AFHVS, CAFS, SAFN Joint Annual Conference 2021 (Virtual)

2021 "[Food] Desert Imperialism: Colonial Imaginaries of Lack & the Making of Terra Economica" at the American Association of Geographers Annual (Virtual) Meeting

2020 "Why are we stuck in the (colonial) desert? Interrogating the Staying Power of the Food Desert Metaphor" at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (Accepted, but conference cancelled due to COVID-19).

2019 "'The Desert Shall Blossom as the Rose': Linking Settler Colonialism, Environmental Racism, and Food Justice Organizing in North Denver" at the Agriculture, Food, And Human Values Society / Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting, University of Alaska, Anchorage

2018 "From Gold Rush to Reefer Madness: Linking Colonialism, Commodity Flows, and Gentrification Within Denver's Food Justice Organizing" presented at the Graduate Association for Food Studies Future of Food Studies Conference, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

2018 "The Politics of Consumption and Production: Moving Beyond 'Justice' in Food Justice Organizing" presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

- 2018 “Politics of Consumption vs. Politics of Production: A Dialectic Framework to Comparatively Analyze Food Justice and Food Sovereignty Organizing” presented at the ASA Consumers & Consumption Section Mini-Conference, Rutgers University-Camden
- 2018 “Politics of Consumption vs. Politics of Production: A Dialectic Analysis of Food Access Organizing” presented at the Agriculture, Food, And Human Values Society / Association for the Study of Food and Society Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*University of California Santa Cruz*

### **Instructor of Record**

Contemporary Social Theory Summer 2021, Summer 2022

### **Teaching Assistantships & Readerships**

Classical Social Theory	Fall 2021, Fall 2019, Winter 2019
Contemporary Social Theory	Spring 2022, Winter 2022, Spring 2021, Winter 2021, Spring 2019, Winter 2018
Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2020
Social Psychology	Summer 2020
Community Analysis for Global Health	Spring 2020
Global Capitalism	Winter 202
Political Economy of Food & Agriculture	Fall 2018
Environmental Injustice/Inequity	Summer 2018
Environmental Inequalities	Fall 2017

### **Guest Lectures**

Spring 2022	Guest Talk, “Food Deserts: The Role of US Policy in Spatialized Food (In)Justice,” The Law Group, Wageningen University
Fall 2019	Guest Lecturer on George Herbert Mead & W.E.B. Du Bois in “Classical Social Theory,” Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz
Winter 2019	Guest Lecturer on George Herbert Mead & W.E.B. Du Bois in “Classical Social Theory,” Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz
Summer 2018	Guest Lecturer on Food Justice & Food Sovereignty in “Environmental Injustice/Inequity,” Department of Environmental Studies, UC Santa Cruz
Fall 2017	Guest Lecturer on Food Injustice & Food Sovereignty in “Environmental Inequalities,” Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz

### **Pedagogical Training**

Spring 2022	Pedagogy of Sociology Course
Spring 2021	Certificate in Course Design & Delivery, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Leadership, UCSC
Winter 2021	Certificate in Teaching Disciplinary Writing, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Leadership, UCSC

### **Other Teaching Experience**

2008 - 2010	Lead Trainer & Committee Chair, Student Consultants and Speaker’s Bureau
2008 - 2009	Founder & Teacher, Students Advancing in Leadership
2007 - 2008	Co-Teacher & Committee Chair, Emerging Leaders Program

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Summer 2022	Graduate Student Researcher, Building Diversity in Sociology and Science and Technology Studies Initiative
Summer 2021	Graduate Student Researcher, Dr. Lindsey Dillon
Summer 2019	Graduate Student Researcher, Dr. Julie Guthman
2012 - 2013	Competitor, Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot
Summer 2011	Intern to the Honorable Judge Higginbotham, Wisconsin Court of Appeals

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2019 - 2020	Graduate Advising Committee, UC Santa Cruz Sociology Department
2013	Student Bar Association 3L Graduation Speaker Selection Committee Chair, University of Wisconsin Law School
2011 - 2013	Law School Student Ambassador & Tour Guide
2010 - 2013	Student Bar Association Class Representative, University of Wisconsin Law School

## **SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT IN PROFESSION**

2020 - 2021	Committee Member, Association for the Study of Food and Society BIPOC Scholarship Committee
2020 - 2021	Co-Organizer, The Food Studies (In)Digestion Series in the Graduate Association for Food Studies
2019 - 2020	Research Mentor, Pathways2Research, EOP, UCSC
2019	Co-Founder, The Graduate Association for Food Studies Reading Collective
2019 - 2021	Co-President, Graduate Association for Food Studies
2018 - Present	Program Fellow, Science & Justice Training Program at UC Santa Cruz
2018 - Present	Member, University of California Santa Cruz Agri-Food Working Group
2017 - 2019	Peer Reviewer, Graduate Association for Food Studies Journal
2012 - 2013	Note & Comment Editor, Wisconsin Law Review, University of Wisconsin Law School
2012 - 2013	Malt & Barley Editor, Wisconsin Law Review, University of Wisconsin Law School
2011 - 2013	Member, Wisconsin Law Review, University of Wisconsin Law School
2008 - 2010	Volunteer, Legal Information Center

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

2021 - Present	Sociologists for Women in Society
2019 - Present	American Association of Geographers
2017 - Present	Association for the Study of Food and Society
2013 - 2019	American Bar Association
2013 - 2017	State Bar of Wisconsin

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2016-2017	Food Distribution Intern & Administrative Assistant, The GrowHaus Denver
2014-2015	Assistant Director of Events & Administration, University of Wisconsin Law School Research Centers
2013-2015	Project Coordinator, University of Wisconsin Law School East Asian Legal Studies Center
2012-2013	Project Assistant, University of Wisconsin Law School Admissions Office
2012	Legal Intern, Satyapon & Partners, LLC