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### Education

Ph.D. Environmental Sciences, Studies, and Policy—University of Oregon, 2022

Dissertation: “Ikpíkyav (To Fix Again): Drawing from Karuk World Renewal to Contest Settler Discourses of Vulnerability”

Committee: Kari Norgaard (Chair), Michelle Jacob, Raoul Liévanos, Laura Pulido, Frank Lake (USFS Research Ecologist, Outside Committee Member)

M.S. Environmental Studies—University of Oregon, 2013

Thesis: “A Cultural Snapshot: Exploring the Value of Community Photography for the Coquille Indian Tribe in a Climate Change Era”

Committee: Kari Norgaard (Chair), Kathy Lynn, Anne Godfrey

B.S. Landscape Architecture—University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2008

### Areas of Specialization

Environmental Sociology, Environmental and Climate Justice, Indigenous and Settler Colonial Studies, Land Management Policy, Gender and the Environment, Intersectionality, Visual Sociology

### Grants, Honors, and Awards

2022 University of Oregon Environmental Studies Teaching Award

2022 Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award (American Sociological Association Section on Environmental Sociology)

2020 Lokey Doctoral Science Fellowship (University of Oregon)

2020 University of Oregon Sandra Morgen Public Impact Graduate Fellowship (University of Oregon)

2016 Marquina Faculty-Graduate Student Collaboration Award (with Dr. Kari Norgaard, University of Oregon Department of Sociology)

2013 Barker Foundation Award (University of Oregon Environmental Studies Program)

2012 Margaret Wiese Graduate Research Award (University of Oregon)

2012 Center on Diversity and Community Graduate Summer Research Award (University of Oregon)

### Publications

#### Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

4. **Vinyeta, Kirsten**. 2021. Under the Guise of Science: How the US Forest Service Deployed Settler Colonial and Racist Logics to Advance an Unsubstantiated Fire Suppression Agenda. *Environmental Sociology*. DOI: 10.1080/23251042.2021.1987608

\*\*Winner of Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award (American Sociological Association Section on Environmental Sociology)

3. McKay, Dwanna; **Vinyeta, Kirsten**; Norgaard, Kari. 2020. Theorizing Race and Settler Colonialism within U.S. Sociology. *Sociology Compass*.

2. **Vinyeta, Kirsten**; Whyte, Kyle; Lynn, Kathy. 2016. Indigenous Masculinities in a Changing Climate: Vulnerability and Resilience in the United States. In *Men, Masculinities and Disaster*, edited by Elaine Enarson and Bob Pease, pp. 140-151. New York: Routledge.

1. Bone, Christopher; Moseley, Cassandra; **Vinyeta, Kirsten**; Bixler, R. Patrick. 2016. Employing Resilience in the United States Forest Service. *Land Use Policy*, 52: 430-438.

#### Refereed Technical Reports

2. **Vinyeta, Kirsten**; Whyte, Kyle; Lynn, Kathy. 2015. Climate Change Through an Intersectional Lens: Gendered Vulnerability and Resilience in Indigenous Communities in the United States. Gen. Tech. Rep. PNW-GTR-923. Portland, OR: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 72 p.

1. **Vinyeta, Kirsten**; Lynn, Kathy. 2013. Exploring the role of traditional ecological knowledge in climate change initiatives. Gen. Tech. Rep. PNW-GTR-879. Portland, OR: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 37 p.

#### Tribal and Federal Policy Reports

2. **Vinyeta, Kirsten**; Lake, Frank; Norgaard, Kari. 2016. Chapter 3: Vulnerabilities of Traditional Foods and Cultural Use Species. In *Karuk Tribe Climate Vulnerability Assessment*, compiled by Kari Norgaard for the Karuk Tribe.
1. **Vinyeta, Kirsten**; Lynn, Kathy. 2015. Northwest Forest Plan – The First 20 years (1994-2014) Effectiveness of the Federal-Tribal Relationship. Report FS/R6/PNW/2015/0005. Portland, OR: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station. 74 p.

#### Works in Progress

Vinyeta, Kirsten. “Theorizing Vulnerability Discourse in a Changing Climate: Settler-Ascribed Vulnerability and its Role in Indigenous Dispossession”—in preparation for submission to *Rural Sociology*

Vinyeta, Kirsten. “Drawing from Karuk World Renewal: Illustrating More Than Human Agency and Relationality in the Klamath River Basin” —in preparation for submission to *Qualitative Research*

#### **Research Positions**

2017-2019	Karuk Tribe Climate Adaptation Plan
2016	Karuk Tribe Climate Vulnerability Assessment
2014, 2019	Northwest Forest Plan Federal-Tribal Relations Monitoring
2014-2015	University of Oregon Ecosystem Workforce Program
2011-2014	University of Oregon Tribal Climate Change Project

#### **Teaching, Advising and Mentorship**

##### Utah State University Courses

SOC 4620 Environmental Sociology/Sociology of Natural Resources (15 undergraduates, 1 graduate)

##### University of Oregon Courses

ENVS 411: Maps as Power (23 undergraduates)  
ENVS 411: Species in Conflict (22 undergraduates)

##### Utah State University Ph.D. Committees

Patrick Kelly (Environment and Society) 2022-Present  
Mufti Nadimul Quamar Ahmed (Sociology) 2022-Present

##### Utah State University Master’s Committees

Bayli Hanson (Environment and Society) 2022-Present  
Sadie Braddock (Sociology) 2022-Present

#### **Invited Presentations**

##### External

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| 2022 | “Drawing from Karuk World Renewal: Illustrating More-Than-Human Agency and Relationality in the Klamath River Basin.” Invited Speaker, <i>Center for Environmental Futures Interdisciplinarity 101 Speaker Series</i> , University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. |
| 2022 | “Wildfires, Blizzards and Pandemics: Academic Freedom in a Climate Constrained World” Invited Panel Member, <i>Pacific Sociological Association Conference</i> (virtual).   |
| 2016 | “Climate Change and the Federal-Tribal Relationship” Invited Opening Plenary, Karuk Tribe Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Launch, Orleans, CA.  |

- 2015 "Strengthening the Federal-Tribal Relationship: A Report on Monitoring Consultation under the Northwest Forest Plan." Invited Presentation, *US Forest Service Northwest Forest Plan Public Forum*, Vancouver, WA.
- 2014 "Climate Change through an Intersectional Lens: Understanding Gendered Vulnerability and Resilience in Indigenous Communities in the United States." Invited Speaker, *Native Studies Research Colloquium*, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.
- 2014 "Climate Change in Indian Country: Integrating Traditional Knowledge and Applied Science" —Invited Presentation on behalf of the Coquille Tribe, *Tribal Food Summit*, Portland, OR.
- 2013 "Exploring the Role of Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Climate Change Initiatives." Invited Speaker, *Climate Change Research Symposium*, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR.

### Internal

- 2022 Invited Speaker, "Understanding Northern California's Tinderbox Through Settler Colonial Theory," *Ecology Center Seminar Series*, Utah State University, Logan, UT.
- 2022 Invited Speaker, "The Time is Now: Integrating Ecology and Sociology," *Ecology Center Seminar Series*, Utah State University, Logan, UT.

### **Academic Conference Presentations**

- 2021 "The Power of Ascription: Settler-Ascribed Vulnerability as a Catalyst for Lived Vulnerability Within Indigenous Communities"—Environmental Sociology, Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations panel, *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, (held virtually due to Covid-19)
- 2021 "Under the Cloak of Science: Settler Colonial and Racist Logics in U.S. Forest Service Fire Suppression Discourse"—Panel on Indigenous, Resurgence, Revitalization, and Resource Management in the Klamath River Basin, *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*, (held virtually due to Covid-19)
- 2018 "The Art of Government: Climate Change, Resilience, and Racial Neoliberalism"—*American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 "Ready to Burn: State Territoriality, Fire Suppression, and the Making of Karuk Vulnerability"—Inaugural Panel of Indigenous Environmental Sociology, *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 "Community Photography as a Tool to Address Climate Change Impacts Affecting the Coquille Indian Tribe's Sovereignty and Culture." *Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE) Conference*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

### **University Service**

#### Utah State University

- 2022 Graduate Executive Committee Member  
*Sociology Program*

## University of Oregon

- 2020-2021      Anti-Racist Working Group Founding Member  
*Environmental Studies Program*
- 2017-2018      Graduate Forum Representative  
*Department of Sociology*
- 2013-2018      Allyship Training Coordinator  
*Environmental Studies Program*
- 2013            *The Ecotone* Visual Arts Editor and Contributor  
*Environmental Studies Program*
- 2012            Graduate Admissions Committee Member  
*Environmental Studies Program*
- 2011-2012      Coalition Against Environmental Racism Member

## **Professional Service**

- 2021            *Ecology and Society*—Peer-Reviewer
- 2020-2021      Springfield Alliance for Equity and Respect (SAfER)—Member  
*Springfield, OR*
- 2020            *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*—Peer-Reviewer
- 2016-Present   Karuk Tribe of California—Research and Technical Support
- 2008            Green Affordable Housing Construction—Volunteer  
*St. Croix Ojibwa Tribal Headquarters, Big Sand Lake, WI*

## **Professional Memberships**

- American Sociological Association (ASA)  
    Section Memberships: Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations (founding member),  
    Environmental Sociology, Animals and Society
- American Association of Geographers (AAG)
- Klamath Research Collaborative

## **Other Professional Experience**

### Illustrator

- 2021            Karuk Tribe Transportation Climate Adaptation Strategy
- 2020            Tribal Forest Climate Northwest Climate Adaptation Science Center Project coordinated by Frank Lake
- 2012            *Restoring Ecological Health to Your Land Workbook* by Apfelbaum, Steve; Haney, Alan.  
Washington D.C.: Island Press.
- 2010            *Restoring Ecological Health to Your Land* by Apfelbaum, Steve; Haney, Alan. Washington D.C.: Island Press.

## Landscape Architect

2008-2011 Applied Ecological Services—Broadhead, WI

- Co-managed a \$1,000,000 U.S. Department of Energy environmental monitoring and restoration project
- Co-managed a conference center landscape restoration and land management project
- Led 8 public participation workshops in rural Chile to inform post-earthquake reconstruction.
- Natural resource inventories in Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida, and Vermont

## **Additional Skills**

Qualitative Data Analysis: Atlas Ti

Technical Illustration: Adobe CS

Languages: Fluent in Catalan and Spanish, conversational in Portuguese