

Jon Mikael Nelson

Education:

Brown University, Providence, RI

PhD in Sociology (October 2021)

Dissertation:

Insuring Inequality: The Role of FEMA in Unequal Adaptation to Sea-Level Rise in Coastal New England. Committee: Andrew Schrank, Chair; Scott Frickel; J. Timmons Roberts and Josh Pacewicz

Highlighted in Frank Thomas, “Cities ‘Game’ Federal Program Meant to Reduce Flood Risk”. *Scientific American*. July 14, 2021.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/cities-game-federal-program-meant-to-reduce-flood-risk/>

Master of Arts in Sociology (May 2016)

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (December 2013)

Appointments

Assistant Professor in Residence of Environmental Studies, Rhode Island School of Design, AY 2022-24

Visiting Assistant Professor, Brown University, AY 2021-22

Research Assistant, Distribution-Sensitive Innovation Policy in a Time of Coronavirus: A Quasi-Experimental Look at Pandemic Response; PIs: Andrew Schrank, Brown University, and Susan Helper, Case Western Reserve University, Fall 2020-Ongoing.

Research Assistant, Analysis of Deforestation and Demographics in the Atlantic Rainforest, Brazil; PI: Leah VanWey, Brown University, Fall 2015-Spring 2019

Publications

Nelson, Jon. 2020. “Of Farms and Forests: Farm-level land-use decisions, socio-environmental systems, and regional development in Brazil’s Atlantic Rainforest”. *Environmental Sociology* 6(3):322-341.

Nelson, Jon and Paul Stock. 2018. “Repeasantisation in the United States.” *Sociologia Ruralis*

58(1):83–103.

Works in Progress

Distribution-sensitive Industrial Policy in the United States. Collaborative research project with Andrew Schrank, Brown University, Josh Whitford, Columbia University, and Philipp Brandt, Sciences Po.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Environmental Sociology for a Rapidly Warming World, Brown University, Summer 2022 (Two-Week Intensive Course)

Co-Instructor, Brown Environmental Leadership Lab, Brown University, Summer 2022

Co-Instructor, Organizations and Society, Brown University, Spring 2022

Lead Instructor, An Environmental Sociology for a Rapidly Warming World, Brown University, Fall 2021

Near-Peer Mentor, Leadership Alliance, Brown University, Summer 2000

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Social Psychology, Prof. Greg Elliott, Brown University, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Social Science w/ Prof. Greg Elliott, Brown University, Fall 2017

Teaching Assistant Intro to Environmental Social Science w/ Prof. Scott Frickel, Brown University, Spring 2016

Teaching Assistant Micro-Organizational Theory w/Prof. Mark Suchman, Brown University, Fall 2015

Presentations

Participant on Pulitzer Center Panel “Two Sides of the Climate Coin: Sea-Level Rise and Extreme Weather”, University of Rhode Island, Dec. 2021. <https://bit.ly/3vxFbSM>

“Town Governmental Capacity and Barriers to Adaptation: A case study of the Community Rating System” Presented virtually at “At What Point Managed Retreat? Resilience, Relocation and Climate Justice virtual conference” – Columbia University, June 2021

“Carry On As You Were: Additionality, Mitigation, and Status in Municipal Floodplain Management” Presented virtually at the 2020 Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.

“Production or Preferences: Structural and Personal Determinants of Small Farm Forest Cover in Brazil” Presented at Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, Montréal August 2017

Academic Awards, Grants, and Funding:

- Brown University Dean’s Faculty Fellow (2021-22 AY)
- Brown University Department of Sociology Fellowship (2018-2019) - \$30,000
- Brown University Interdisciplinary Fellowship at IBES - \$31,500
- Brown University Sociology Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award (2018)
- Pass with Distinction on Environmental Sociology Preliminary Exam (2017)
- Watson Graduate Program in Development Fellowship (2016-2017) - \$30,000
- Watson Graduate Program in Development Summer Funding - \$ 2,800
- Brazil Initiative Graduate Student Travel Grant (Summer 2016) - \$ 1,000
- Brazil Initiative Graduate Student Travel Grant (Summer 2015) - \$ 1,800
- Distinguished Achievement Award from KU Sociology Department (2014)
- American Sociological Association Honors Program (2013)
- McNair Scholar (2012-2013)
- KU Honors Program J. Michael Young Development Grant (2012; 2013) - \$ 2,000
- Betty Wahlstedt award for excellence in the social sciences (2012; 2013)- \$ 1,500
- German Academic Exchange Service stipend to study in Germany (2012) - € 3,825
- Gilman Scholarship to study in Germany (2012) - \$ 3,000
- KU Study Abroad Scholarship (2012) - \$ 1,600
- Hilden Gibson award for a junior student in the social sciences (2012) - \$ 1,000
- Global Scholars Study Abroad Scholarship (2012) - \$ 1,000
- KU Global Scholar (2011-2013)
- Grace Caroline Eaton Scholarship (2011) - \$ 1,200
- National Merit Scholar (2008)
- Philips Electronics Scholarship (2008) - \$ 10,000
- Member: Alpha Kappa Delta, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi

Professional Development:

Brown University GIS Institute, led by Prof. Kevin Mwenda (January 2021)

Teaching Consultant Brown University Sheridan Center for Teaching - Teaching Consultant Certificate, Fall 2016-Spring 2019

Discussion Facilitator Brown University Sheridan Center for Teaching - Reflexive Teaching Certificate, Fall 2016-Spring 2018

Reflexive Teaching & Teaching Consultant Certificates - Brown University Sheridan Center for Teaching

Research Interests: Organizational, Community, and Environmental Sociology

Language Skills:

- Brazilian Portuguese (Speaking: Fluent, Writing: Intermediate)
- German (Writing/Speaking: Intermediate)