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EMPLOYMENT

- 2022- **University of Vermont** (Burlington, Vermont, U.S.)
- [Extension](#) Assistant Professor of Community Development (2022-)
 - [Institute for Agroecology](#) Faculty Scholar (2025-) | Faculty Affiliate (2023-)
 - [Food Systems Graduate Program](#) Faculty (2023-)
 - [Gund Institute for Environment](#) Faculty Affiliate (2025-)
- 2020- **Magnetic Fields Farm** (Athens, Vermont, U.S.)
- [Agroecological Fruit Farm](#) Principal Operator | Owner
- 2022-23 **Vermont Foodbank** (Brattleboro, Vermont, U.S.)
- [Food Security Innovation Lab](#) Qualitative Researcher and Data Analyst
- 2021-22 **University of New Hampshire** (Durham, New Hampshire, U.S.)
- [Agriculture, Nutrition, and Food Systems](#) Postdoctoral Research Associate in Food Systems
- 2010-14 **Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center** (Estes Park, Colorado, U.S.)
- [Music and Performance Department](#) Instructional Specialist (2011-14)
 - [Berklee City Music Network](#) Site Co-founder and Director (2011-14)
 - [AmeriCorps/Public Allies](#) Teaching Fellow (2010-11)

EXPERTISE

- Disciplines** **Environmental Sociology** | **Sociology of Development** | **Rural Sociology**
- Fields** **Food Systems:** Agroecology | Food Justice | Farmer Well-being | Farm Viability
Community and Economic Development: Rural | International
Gender and Sexuality: in relation to Race, Ethnicity, Nation, Class, Ability, and Religion
- Methods** **Qualitative:** Interviews | Case Study | Ethnography | Commodity Chain Analysis | Policy Analysis | Historical Analysis | Survey Design | Coding
Participatory: Community-led Research Design, Data Collection, Analysis, and Publishing
Mixed: Interdisciplinary Research Design | Transdisciplinary Arts | Extension

EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D., Sociology/Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison** (Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.)
- Areas: Environmental Sociology | Socioeconomic Change and Development (distinction)

- Ph.D. Minor: International Environmental Law
 - Co-advisors: Jane Collins, Monica White | Committee: Pinar Batur, Michael Bell, Steph Tai
 - Additional studies in Agriculture and Development: Clara Craviotti, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET) (Buenos Aires, Argentina) | Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- 2016 **M.S., Natural Resources, University of New Hampshire** (Durham, New Hampshire, U.S.)
- Advisor: Catherine Ashcraft | Committee: Christina Jolejole-Foreman, Thomas Safford
 - Additional studies in Food Systems: Green Mountain College (Poultney, Vermont, U.S.)
- 2016 **M.A., Sociology, University of New Hampshire** (Durham, New Hampshire, U.S.)
- Advisor: Thomas Safford | Committee: Cliff Brown, Nicole Fox
- 2014 **Professional Teaching License, Eagle Rock Professional Development Center** (Estes Park, Colorado, U.S.)
- K-12 Music Teaching License #109899: Professional (2014-18) | Initial (2011-13)
 - Additional studies in Music: Berklee College of Music (Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.)
- 2010 **B.A. with honors, International Studies and Music, Vassar College** (Poughkeepsie, New York, U.S.)
- Additional studies in History and Music: Bennington College (Bennington, Vermont, U.S.); El Conservatorio Nacional de Música (La Paz, Bolivia); Universidad Mayor de San Andrés (La Paz, Bolivia); Williams College (Williamstown, Massachusetts, U.S.)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2020 **Rural Sociological Society** Dissertation Research Award for “[Building Alternative Food Economies for Justice and Sustainability: Organic and Agroecological Agriculture in Argentina](#)”
- 2019 **Fulbright-Hays** Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship: “Alternative Agriculture as a Development Strategy: Certified Organic and Agroecological Food Systems in Argentina,” advised by Clara Craviotti, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET), Argentina
- 2019 **Rural Sociological Society** Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award “for the best graduate student paper submitted to the Annual Meeting” for article “[Queer Farmland: Land Access Strategies for Small-scale Agriculture](#)”
- 2018 **Ford Foundation** Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 2017 **Fulbright** Study/Research Award: “Sustaining Family Farms and Farmers Markets in the Rural Pampas,” Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Argentina

2017 **Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society** Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention for article “[Queer Farmland: Land Access Strategies for Small-scale Agriculture](#)”

2015 **Rural Sociological Society** Master’s Thesis Research Award for article “[Queer Farmers: Sexuality and the Transition to Sustainable Agriculture](#)”

2013 **Berklee City Music Network** Emerging Service Leader Award

Internal

2025 **University of Vermont** Institute for Agroecology invited inaugural Faculty Scholar (one of four)

2023 **University of New Hampshire** Sustainability Award “for research in sustainability” for article “[LGBTQ+ Food Insufficiency in New England](#)”

2020 **University of Wisconsin-Madison** Community and Environmental Sociology Department Crowe Dissertation Research Award for “[Building Alternative Food Economies for Justice and Sustainability: Organic and Agroecological Agriculture in Argentina](#)”

2020 **Mellon-Wisconsin** Dissertation Fellowship for “[Building Alternative Food Economies for Justice and Sustainability: Organic and Agroecological Agriculture in Argentina](#)”

2019 **University of Wisconsin-Madison** Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award “for the doctoral student in the social sciences who has demonstrated outstanding research and scholarly writing accomplishments” for article “[Queer Farmland: Land Access Strategies for Small-scale Agriculture](#)”

2019 **University of Wisconsin-Madison** Sociology Department Distinction on the Socioeconomic Change and Development Preliminary Exam

2017 **University of Wisconsin-Madison** Community and Environmental Sociology Department Crowe Pre-Dissertation Research Award: “Small-scale Farmers’ Relationship and Livelihood Strategies”

2016 **University of New Hampshire** Kidder Fund Award “for outstanding efforts in fostering understanding and advancing opportunities for LGBTQ+ people”

2014 **Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center** Exceptional Instructor Award

2013 **Vassar College** Fellowship for Graduate Study in Food Systems at Green Mountain College

2013 **Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center** Honda Motor Company Educational Assistance Program for graduate study in Food Systems at Green Mountain College

2011 **AmeriCorps** Education Award for graduate study in Food Systems at Green Mountain College

- 2010 **Vassar College** General Honors, International Studies Program Honors, and Music Department Honors
- 2010 **Vassar College** Glen Johnson Prize “for the graduating senior in the International Studies Program who has done outstanding work in the program, and produced a thesis of particular strength and originality” for thesis “*Hip Hop Contestario: Transformative Rap from Urban Bolivia*”
- 2009 **Vassar College** International Studies Program Intern for a senior International Studies major chosen by the faculty

PUBLICATIONS

*Graduate student | **Postdoc | +Community member

Books

- Under contract Leslie, Isaac Sohn, Michaela Hoffelmeyer, and LaToya Eaves, eds. *Queer and Trans Agricultural Formations* (working title). University of Vermont Institute for Agroecology Open Access Book Series “Just Transformations in Food Systems: Through Agroecology, Food Sovereignty, and the Right to Food,” edited by Colin Anderson and Ernesto Méndez. Boca Raton, FL, U.S.: CRC Press.
- 2021 Bell, Michael Mayerfeld, Loka L. Ashwood, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Laura Hanson Schlachter. [*An Invitation to Environmental Sociology*](#). 6th edition. Thousand Oaks, CA, U.S. and London, UK: Sage.

Peer-reviewed Journal Special Issue Editor

- 2019 Leslie, Isaac Sohn, Jaclyn Wypler, and Michael Mayerfeld Bell. “Relational Agriculture: Gender, Sexuality, and Sustainability in U.S. Farming.” [*Society and Natural Resources*](#) 32(8):853-74.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- In press Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “The Alternative Farmhouse: How the Political Economy of Organic and Agroecological Agriculture Affects Toxics, Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Food Security.” *Society and Natural Resources*.
- 2026 Stokes-Ramos, Hannah, Jess Carson, Luyue Zheng, Olivia Burton, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Analena Bruce. “What Food Attributes are Important to New Englanders? A Mixed-methods Study of Consumer Attitudes Related to Local Food Systems.” [*Food Quality and Preference*](#) 136:1-13.
- 2025 Wilhelm*, Alexa, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Analena Bruce. “Connecting New England Farmers to Large Retailers via Values-based Supply Chains.” [*Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*](#) 14(3):189-211.

- 2025 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “Beyond Agroecology versus Organics: Alternative Farmer Subgroups in Buenos Aires Province, Argentina.” [*Journal of Rural Studies*](#) 115:1-10.
- 2025 Bruce, Analena, Elise Neidecker, Luyue Zheng, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Alexa Wilhelm*. “‘A Farm is Viable if it Can Keep its Head Above Water.’ Defining and Measuring Farm Viability for Small and Mid-sized Farms.” [*Agriculture and Human Values*](#) 42(2):625-41.
- 2024 Leslie, Isaac Sohn, Alexa Wilhelm*, and Analena Bruce. “‘Marriage is Necessary.’ How Accessing Infrastructure through the Family Farm Affects Viability, Transitions, and Justice.” [*Agriculture and Human Values*](#) 41:1369-84.
- 2024 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “Social Mycorrhiza: The Social Infrastructure of Agroecological Farming Economies.” [*Environmental Sociology*](#) 10(1):42-54.
- 2023 Hoffelmeyer, Michaela, Jaclyn Wypler, and Isaac Sohn Leslie. “Surveying Queer Farmers: How Heteropatriarchy Affects Farm Viability and Farmer Well-being in U.S. Agriculture.” [*Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*](#) 12(3):111-25.
- 2023 Leslie, Isaac Sohn, Jessica Carson, and Analena Bruce. “LGBTQ+ Food Insufficiency in New England.” [*Agriculture and Human Values*](#) 40:1039-54.
- 2019 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “Queer Farmland: Land Access Strategies for Small-scale Agriculture.” [*Society and Natural Resources*](#) 32(8):928-46.
- 2019 Crowley, Morgan, Kara E. Shannon, Isaac Sohn Leslie, Andrea Jilling, Cameron D. McIntire, and Emily Kyker-Snowman. “Sustainable Beef Production in New England: Policy and Value Chain Challenges and Opportunities.” [*Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems*](#) 43(3):274-98.
- 2017 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “Improving Farmers Markets and Challenging Neoliberalism in Argentina.” [*Agriculture and Human Values*](#) 34(3):729-42.
- 2017 Leslie, Isaac Sohn. “Queer Farmers: Sexuality and the Transition to Sustainable Agriculture.” [*Rural Sociology*](#) 82(4):747-71.

Book Chapters

- 2026 Hoffelmeyer, Michaela and Isaac Sohn Leslie (equal authorship). “Queering Food Justice: Confronting White Heteropatriarchy in U.S. Agriculture.” Pp. 39-54 in [*Nurturing Food Justice: Expansive and Intersectional Visions*](#), edited by Alison Hope Alkon and Julian Agyeman. Cambridge, MA, U.S.: MIT Press.
- 2018 Leslie, Isaac Sohn and Monica M. White. “Race and Food: Agricultural Resistance in U.S. History.” Pp. 347-64 in [*Handbook of the Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Relations*](#), edited by Pinar Batur and Joe Feagin. New York, NY, U.S.: Springer.

Policy Briefs

- 2023 Hirshl, Noah, Tatiana Abatemarco, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Genna Williams. “The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) in Vermont: A 2023 Study.” [Vermont Foodbank](#).
- 2021 Carson, Jess, Analena Bruce, and Isaac Sohn Leslie. “Half of New Hampshire Residents Buy Local Farm Food at Least a Few Times a Month, But Engagement Varies by County.” [Carsey School of Public Policy](#), Regional Issue Brief #65: 1-4.

Extension Publications

- 2026 Leslie, Isaac Sohn, MC Whelan+, Bilal Sarwari+, Connor Vaughn+, Ariel Aaronson-Eaves+, Suzanna Dennison+, and Gianni Solórzano*. “Queer Thriving in Agriculture.” *Cultivemos and University of Vermont Extension*. Magnets and stickers.
- 2025 Leslie, Isaac Sohn, Jamie Skye Bianco, Marjorie Feld, Kayleigh MacDonald+, Michelle Nikfarjam*, Grace Oedel+, Ang Roell+, Jen Salinetti+, and Stacey Vasquez+. “Three Food Justice Projects Launch in Partnership with UVM’s Institute for Agroecology.” [University of Vermont Institute for Agroecology News](#), March 13.
- 2025 Zheng, Luyue, Olivia Burton, Hannah Stokes-Ramos, Jess Carson, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Analena Bruce. “What Do New Englanders Prioritize When Purchasing Food?” [University of New Hampshire Research Brief](#).
- 2025 Zheng, Luyue, Olivia Burton, Hannah Stokes-Ramos, Jess Carson, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Analena Bruce. “Where do New Englanders Buy Local Farm Food and How Often?” [University of New Hampshire Research Brief](#).
- 2023 Bruce, Analena, Stephanie Webb, Jess Carson, Cindy Zheng, Elise Neidecker, and Isaac Sohn Leslie. “Enhancing Public Engagement in Alternative Food Networks.” [INSPIRED: A Publication of the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station](#), Summer/Fall.
- 2023 Wilhelm*, Alexa, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Analena Bruce. “Connecting New England Farmers to Large Retailers through Values-based Supply Chains.” [INSPIRED: A Publication of the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station](#), Summer/Fall.
- 2023 Bruce, Analena, Elise Neidecker, Cindy Zheng, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Alexa Wilhelm*. “Unveiling the Challenges of Farm Viability in New England.” [INSPIRED: A Publication of the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station](#), Summer/Fall.

GRANTS

Total: \$2,671,554

External

\$1,041,918

- 2024 USDA AFRI (U.S. Department of Agriculture Agriculture and Food Research Initiative), “Early Exit Farmers: New Perspectives on Small and Medium-sized Farm Viability and Farmer Well-being in New England.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PI: Beth Holtzman. \$299,821.
- 2024 USDA SARE (U.S. Department of Agriculture Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education). “Shifting Focus: Building Pathways to Success for New and Diverse Farm Audiences.” PI: Beth Holtzman; Advisors: Isaac Sohn Leslie, John Hendrickson, Lisa Kivistik, Pete Land, Mary Peabody, and Seth Wilner. \$164,548.
- 2022 Sociological Initiatives Foundation Community-based Participatory Research Project, “Rural LGBTQ+ Health in New England.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PI: HB Lozito. \$20,000.
- 2022 USDA SARE (U.S. Department of Agriculture Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education), “Developing Mediated Market Models to Increase Consumer Engagement and Market Access for New England Farmers.” PI: Analena Bruce; Co-PIs: Jess Carson, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Kenesha Reynolds; Advisors: David Conner and Jennifer Hashley. \$257,846.
- 2021 USDA AFRI (U.S. Department of Agriculture Agriculture and Food Research Initiative), “Increasing Consumer Participation in Alternative Food Networks to Support Small and Medium-sized Farms.” PI: Analena Bruce; Co-PIs: Jess Carson and Isaac Sohn Leslie; Advisors: Semra Aytur and Lawrence Hamilton. \$299,723.

Internal **\$1,642,096**

- 2025 University of Vermont Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships, “Documenting Vermont Needs, Assets, and Angles in Support of Thriving Communities.” PI: Chris Callahan; Co-PIs: Isaac Sohn Leslie, Mariya Shcheglovitova, and Gianni Solórzano**; Other Key Personnel: Linda Prokopy. \$249,629.
- 2025 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Institute Open Access Fund, “Supporting Open Access for an Edited Book.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PIs: LaToya Eaves and Michaela Hoffelmeyer. \$3,000.
- 2025 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Institute Good Ideas Grant, “Growing Collective Readiness in Vermont through Activation of the Disaster Food Security Framework.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PIs: Teresa Mares, Gianni Solórzano**, and Alexis Yamashita*. \$25,394.
- 2025 University of Vermont Institute for Agroecology Faculty Scholars Program, “Exploring Just Transitions in Food Systems.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie. \$15,000.
- 2025 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Institute Sustainability Metrics Summer Planning Grant, “Measuring Social Sustainability in Agriculture.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie. \$3,000.
- 2025 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Institute ASPIRES Listening Tour, “Community Organizing for the UVM Food Justice Lab.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PIs: Teresa Mares, Gianni Solórzano**, and Alexis Yamashita*. \$25,000.

- 2024 University of Vermont Food Systems Graduate Program Synergy Grant, “Community Development for Food Justice in Vermont.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie. \$1,800.
- 2024 University of Vermont Institute for Agroecology Small Grant, “Three UVM Food Justice Lab Pilot Projects with Trans and Queer Farmers and Farmers of Color in New England.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie. \$15,000.
- 2023 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Center ASPIRES Listening Tour, “Marginalized Groups.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PI: Teresa Mares. \$5,834.
- 2023 University of Vermont Food Systems Graduate Program Synergy Grant, “Establishing the UVM Food Justice Lab.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie. \$1,800.
- 2023 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Center Sustainability Metrics Project, “Sustainability Metrics for Consumer-facing Agriculture.” PI: David Conner; Co-PIs: Lisa Chase, Gillian Galford, and Isaac Sohn Leslie; Other Key Personnel: Juan Alvez, Emily Belarmino, Farryl Bertmann, Terry Bradshaw, Mark Cannella, Joshua Faulkner, Maire Folan, and Eric Bishop von Wettberg. \$599,840.
- 2023 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Center Sustainability Metrics Project, “Social Values, Identity, and Sustainability Outcomes: Measuring Social Processes in Agriculture.” PI: Joseph Ament; Co-PIs: Isaac Sohn Leslie and Daniel Tobin; Other Key personnel: Scott Merrill, Caitlin Morgan, and Amy Trubek; Advisors: Kristal Jones and Grace Oedel. \$580,596.
- 2022 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Center Sustainability Metrics Planning Grant, “Sustainability Metrics for Consumer-facing Agriculture.” PI: David Conner; Co-PIs: Lisa Chase and Gillian Galford; Other Key Personnel: Juan Alvez, Emily Belarmino, Farryl Bertmann, Terry Bradshaw, Mark Cannella, Joshua Faulkner, Maire Folan, Isaac Sohn Leslie, and Eric Bishop von Wettberg. \$48,288.
- 2022 University of Vermont Food Systems Research Center Sustainability Metrics Planning Grant, “Social Values, Identity, and Sustainability Outcomes: Measuring Social Processes in Agriculture.” PI: Daniel Tobin; Co-PI: Joseph Ament; Other Key personnel: Isaac Sohn Leslie, Scott Merrill, Caitlin Morgan, and Amy Trubek; Advisors: Kristal Jones and Grace Oedel. \$49,415.
- 2020 University of New Hampshire Collaborative Research Excellence Initiative Interdisciplinary Working Group, “The Climate Change and Food System Nexus: Developing Collaborative Research Projects to Support Resilience.” PIs: Semra Aytur and Jennifer Wilhelm. Other Key Personnel: Analena Bruce, Liz Burakowski, Jess Carson, Erin Hale, Larry Hamilton, and Isaac Sohn Leslie. \$15,000.
- 2018 University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems Mini-grant, “Sustainable Food System Law and Policy.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie. \$2,500.

2015 Vassar College Research Grant, “Is CSA Farming a Form of Dissent?” PI: Pinar Batur; Other Key Personnel: Danielle Falzon and Isaac Sohn Leslie. \$1,000.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2026 Reed, Elodie. “How the ‘Vermont Assessment of Assets, Angles, and Need’ Plans to Empower a Thriving Vermont.” [University of Vermont Extension](#), June 9.
Reprinted in [Inside UVM](#), June 30.
- 2026 Nierenberg, Danielle. “Reminding Ourselves that Food System Stories Are People-Centered Stories.” [Food Tank](#), March 27.
- 2026 Reed, Elodie. “UVM Extension, Department of Anthropology Faculty Contribute Chapters to ‘Nurturing Food Justice.’” [University of Vermont Extension](#), March 20.
- 2025 Maenza, Lily. “Gund Institute Welcomes New Community Members.” [University of Vermont Gund Institute for Environment](#), February 21.
- 2025 Dohrmann, Natalie B. and Marjorie N. Feld. “Q&A: Marjorie Feld Asks What the Phenomenon of Jewish Farmers Might Tell Us about This Moment in History.” [University of Pennsylvania Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies](#), October 24.
- 2025 Goodhue, Colleen. “FSRI Announces Good Idea Grants Recipients.” [University of Vermont Food Systems Research Institute](#), October 15.
- 2025 Chadde, Sky. “USDA’s DEI Purge: How Trump and Rollins are Reshaping American Agriculture.” [Investigate Midwest](#), September 16.
- Reprinted in [Rural Sociological Society News](#) and [Sentient](#), September 17, [IPM News](#), September 25, and [Farms.com](#), September 29.
- 2025 Schoenberg, Nara. “They’re Here. They’re Queer. They’re Farming. New Generation of LGBTQ Farmers More Visible and Vocal.” [Chicago Tribune](#), August 4.
- Reprinted in [Boston Herald](#), [The Citizen’s Voice](#), [Daily Breeze](#), [Daily Democrat](#), [Daily Press](#), [The Morning Call](#), [The Orange County Register](#), [Orlando Sentinel](#), [Reading Eagle](#), [The Record](#), [Republican Herald](#), [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#), [Santa Cruz Sentinel](#), [South Florida Sun Sentinel](#), [Standard Speaker](#), [The Times-Tribune](#), [Twin Cities Pioneer Press](#), and [The Virginia Pilot](#), August 5, and [Idaho Statesman](#), [Merced Sun-Star](#), [Miami Herald](#), [The Telegraph](#), [The Sacramento Bee](#), [The State](#), and [The Sun News](#), August 11.
- 2025 Gokee, Amanda. “More Than Half of N.E. Farmers See Sales of Under \$10k a Year: Many Are Being Forced to Find a Second Job to Make Ends Meet.” [The Boston Globe](#), August 2.
- 2025 Gosling, Nicholas. “Building a More Resilient Food System in New Hampshire: UNH Researchers Seek to Foster the Growth of Regional Food Production and Sales.” [UNH Today](#), July 29.

- 2025 Gosling, Nicholas. “A Different Mindset for Farm Viability in New England: UNH Study Highlights the Complexity of Farm Business Resiliency.” [UNH Today](#), June 24.
 - Reprinted in [Morning AgClips](#), June 25.
- 2024 Tancredi, Maria Teresa. “In the Fields: Highlights from Conversations with U.S. Women.” [American Farmland Trust](#), August 14.
 - Reprinted in [AgDaily](#), September 27.
- 2024 Richardson, Olivia. “For LGBTQ+ People Facing Food Insecurity, Stigma and Other Barriers can Make it Hard to Get Help.” [New Hampshire Public Radio](#), August 2.
 - Rebroadcasted on [The Cape, Coast, and Islands NPR Station](#) and [Maine Public](#), August 2.
- 2024 Nguyen, Liza Thuy. “Women Bring a Growing Positive Influence on Ag Industry.” [AgDaily](#), March 13.
- 2024 Gokee, Amanda. “How a Mysterious Instagram Account is Helping Queer Farmers Find Community in N.H.” [The Boston Globe](#), February 20.
- 2023 Hartson, Taylor. “Playing in the Dirt.” [Contexts: Sociology for the Public](#), December 5.
- 2023 Gokee, Amanda. “Farmers Markets are Struggling. Can they Market Themselves Differently?” [The Boston Globe](#), August 21.
- 2023 Gosling, Nicholas. “Examining Perspectives of New England Farmers Markets: UNH Research Studies Consumer Views on Farmers Markets and other Alternative Food Networks.” [UNH Today](#), August 9.
- 2023 Pirani, Amanda. “New Data Shows Hunger is a ‘Really Big Issue’ for LGBTQ+ People in State, Region.” [New Hampshire Bulletin](#), July 13.
 - Reprinted in [The Keene Sentinel](#), July 13.
- 2023 Testa, Keith. “UNH Honors Sustainability Champions at Third Annual Award Event.” [UNH Today](#), May 30.
- 2023 Carley, Kathryn. “Study Finds High Food Insufficiency Rates Among LGBTQ+ New Englanders.” [Public News Service](#), March 23.
- 2023 Gosling, Nicholas. “New Study Examines Disproportionately High Food Insufficiency Rates Among LGBTQ+ New Englanders.” [UNH Today](#), February 2.
- 2022 New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station. “Making a Living Producing Food? New England Small- and Mid-sized Farms Face Numerous Barriers to Achieving Viability.” [Morning AgClips](#), November 20.
- 2022 MacDonald, Ryan. “How LGBTQI Folks Are Reclaiming Space on the Land: These Queer Farmers and Land Stewards put Community First.” [Sierra: The Magazine of the Sierra Club](#), June 25.

- 2022 Goldstein, Bennet. “Queering the Family Farm: Despite Obstacles, LGBTQ Farmers Find Fertile Ground in Midwest.” [Wisconsin Watch](#), December 26.
 - Rebroadcasted on [Wisconsin Public Radio](#) and [Milwaukee Public Radio](#), December 27.
- 2022 Gosling, Nicholas. “Making a Living Producing Food? Examining the Livelihoods of New England Farmers.” [UNH Today](#), July 11.
- 2022 Stray Dog Institute. “Recognizing Queer Farmers in Food System Transformation.” [Stray Dog Institute](#), June 30.
- 2022 Gosling, Nicholas. “Serving New England Farmers: UNH Researchers to Study Alternative Food Networks (AFNs) in New England.” [UNH Today](#), June 28.
- 2022 Young, Kayte. “Queering the Food System with Ike Leslie.” [Indiana Public Media](#), May 20.
 - Rebroadcasted June 6, 2025.
- 2022 Olsen-Roth, Cam. “Out on the Farm: At The Outback Farm, Queer Students Find Community with Each Other and Nature.” [The Planet Magazine](#), March 16.
- 2021 Mayhew Bergman, Megan. “Should I Have Children? Weighing Parenthood amid the Climate Crisis.” [The Guardian](#), November 13.
- 2021 Gokee, Amanda. “Interest in Local Food Doesn’t Always Mean More Sales for Farmers.” [New Hampshire Bulletin](#), July 6.
 - Reprinted in [New Hampshire Business Review](#), August 13.
- 2021 Furukawa, Julia. “Half of N.H. Residents are Buying Farm Fresh Foods ‘A Few Times a Month.’” [New Hampshire Public Radio](#), June 23.
 - Reprinted in [Foster’s Daily Democrat](#), June 25 and [New Hampshire Union Leader](#), June 27.
- 2021 Feng, Jeff. “The Queer-Led Groups Modeling a New Form of Land Access.” [YES! Magazine](#), April 22.
- 2021 Mok, Aaron. “Queer, BIPOC Farmers are Working for a More Inclusive and Just Farming Culture.” [Civil Eats](#), April 1.
- 2021 Harris, Ben. “Transgender Jews are Finding a Safe Haven in an Unexpected Place: The Farm.” [Jewish Telegraphic Agency](#), February 24.
- 2017 Engel-Smith, Liora. “Weekend Summit Offers Rural LGBTQ Community a Chance to Strengthen Bonds.” [The Keene Sentinel](#), October 26.
- 2017 Curtis, Abigail. “LGBT Farmers Find Opportunity, Adversity in Rural Maine.” [Bangor Daily News](#), June 23.

PRESENTATIONS

*Graduate student | **Postdoc | +Community member

Invited

- 2026 “‘Marriage is Necessary:’ How Accessing Infrastructure through the Family Farm Affects Viability, Transitions, and Justice”
- The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont Land Together Learning Network (on-farm workshop), with Megan Browning+ and Martha Caswell, Huntington, VT, U.S.
- 2025 “Collective Organizing for Women and LGBTQ+ Farmers”
- American Farmland Trust Women for the Land (workshop), with Gianni Solórzano** and Alexis Yamashita*, online.
- 2024 “Justice and Sustainability in Agriculture”
- University of California Santa Cruz (class), online.
- 2023 “Taking a Position: Pushing for Food System Transformation from Different Perspectives”
- University of Vermont Institute for Agroecology “Seeding Transformation – A Global Forum” ([conference panel](#)), [español](#), Burlington, VT, U.S.
- 2023 “Building Alternative Food Economies for Justice and Sustainability”
- University of New Hampshire (class), online.
- 2023 “LGBTQI+ Urban Farmers’ Roundtable”
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production and Equality (panel), online.
- 2023 “Rural and Agricultural Genders and Sexualities”
- University of Maine (class), with Michaela Hoffelmeyer, online.
- 2021-22 “Queering Food Systems for Justice and Sustainability”
- Indiana University Food Institute ([webinar](#)), online.
 - University of California Davis Plant and Soil Sciences Department (seminar), online.
 - Babson College (class), online.
 - Vassar College (class), online.
- 2021 “Defetishizing the Family Farm: Alternative Perspectives on Farm Life”
- Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting (panel), online.
- 2021 “Queering Qualitative Research on the Farm”
- Beloit College (McNair Scholars class), with Michaela Hoffelmeyer, online.
- 2020 “Gender, Sexuality, and Food Access”
- Bennington College (class), online.

- 2019 “What are we Missing by Leaving LGBTQIA* Out of Natural Resource Management Research?”
- International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (panel), Oshkosh, WI, U.S.
- 2018 “Harvesting as Researchers and Farmers: Farming while Queer”
- Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting (panel), Portland, OR, U.S.

Public (selected)

- 2024-26 “Trans and Queer Farmer and Eater Affinity Group”
- The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont Winter Conference (affinity group), with Jaclyn Wypler in 2024, Burlington, VT, U.S.
- 2024-25 “Queer Thriving in Agriculture”
- University of Vermont Extension, with Bilal Sarwari+, MC Whelan+, and Gianni Solórzano**, online.
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture Pride Month Workshop (webinar), with Ariel Aaronson-Eves+, Bilal Sarwari+, and MC Whelan+, ASL, online.
- 2022 “LGBTQ+ Food Insufficiency in New England”
- Vermont Foodbank Hunger Action Conference ([webinar](#)), with Jess Carson and Analena Bruce, online.
- 2020 “Gender, Agriculture, and Food Access”
- The Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont ([webinar](#)), with Tatiana Abatemarco and students, online.
- 2020 “Queering Climate Activism”
- Vassar College Urban Education Initiative (presentation), Poughkeepsie, NY, U.S.
- 2019 “Farming for Justice: Queering Sustainable Agriculture”
- Groundswell: Center for Local Food and Farming ([webinar](#)), with Michaela Hoffelmeyer and Jaclyn Wypler, online.
- 2018 “Sexuality and the Sustainable Agriculture Movement”
- F.H. King: Students for Sustainable Agriculture (presentation), with Jaclyn Wypler, Madison, WI, U.S.
- 2016 “Integrating LGBTQ+ Topics into the Curriculum”
- University of New Hampshire (workshop), with Tamsin Whitehead and Mark Anthony, Durham, NH, U.S.
- 2016 “Sexuality and Sustainable Agriculture”
- The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire Winter Meeting (workshop), Concord, NH, U.S.

- 2013 “Queer! Facilitating Real Conversations”
 - Coalition of Essential Schools Fall Forum (workshop), San Francisco, CA, U.S.
- 2013 “Using PULSE (Pre-University Learning System Experience) with Limited Resources”
 - Berklee College of Music PULSE Training Institute (workshop), Boston, MA, U.S.
- 2013 “Staff and Student Community Development”
 - Big Picture Learning (workshop), with Dan Condon, South Burlington, VT, U.S.
- 2012-13 “Proficiency-based Graduation Requirements”
 - Big Picture Learning (workshop), with Michael Soguero, South Burlington, VT, U.S.
- 2012 “Expanding Partnerships: Teachers as Learners, Students as Teachers”
 - Youth and Adults Transforming Schools Together Conference (conference co-organizer), with Helen Beattie and students, Montpelier, VT, U.S.
- 2012 “Assessing Your Students”
 - Berklee College of Music PULSE Training Institute (workshop), Boston, MA, U.S.
- 2012 “Curriculum Development”
 - Big Picture Learning (workshop), with Michael Soguero, South Burlington, VT, U.S.

Conference

- 2026 “Relational Agrarian Embodiment: Catalyzing Belonging Through Land and Food”
 - Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society Annual Meeting, led by Gianni Solórzano** and Emily Talkow*, with Isaac Sohn Leslie, Marjorie Feld, and Grace Oedel+, Burlington, VT, U.S.
- 2026 “Designing a Community-driven Assessment of Vermont Needs, Assets, and Angles”
 - Extension Professional Improvement Annual Conference, with Chris Callahan, Gianni Solorzano**, and Mariya Shcheglovitova, Chittenden, VT, U.S.
- 2026 “Extension Program Area Teams”
 - Extension Professional Improvement Annual Conference, with Chris Callahan, Maire Folan, Gwen Kozlowski, Peggy Manahan, and Andrew May. Chittenden, VT, U.S.
- 2026 “Nurturing Food Justice – Authors AS Critics: Analysis of ‘The Green New Deal and the Future of Food Justice’ by Maggie Dickinson”
 - American Association of Geographers (panel), San Francisco, CA, U.S.
- 2025 “Participatory and Mixed Methods Approaches to Social Research in the Food System”
 - University of Vermont Food Systems Research Institute (snap talk), Burlington, VT, U.S.
- 2025 “Researching Gender and Sexuality in the Food System”
 - University of Vermont Extension Professional Improvement Conference (lightning talk), Stowe, VT, U.S.

- 2025 “Queering Food Justice: Confronting White Heteropatriarchy in U.S. Agriculture”
- American Association of Geographers (panel), with Michaela Hoffelmeyer, Detroit, MI, U.S.
- 2023 “Food Justice in Extension”
- University of Vermont Extension Professional Improvement Conference (regular session), Killington, VT, U.S.
- 2022 “Queering Food Justice”
- American Association of Geographers (regular session), with Michaela Hoffelmeyer, online.
- 2021 “‘Organic is Capitalist and Agroecology is Socialist’: Alternative Farmers’ Approaches to Food Insecurity Beyond Dualisms”
- Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), online.
- 2019 “Constructing a Sustainable Food System? Alternative Food Networks in Buenos Aires, Argentina”
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (regular session), with Clara Craviotti, New York, NY, U.S.
 - Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), Boston, MA, U.S.
- 2018 “Queer Farmland: Land Access Strategies for Small-Scale Agriculture”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Environmental Sociology section session), Philadelphia, PA, U.S.
 - Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), Portland, OR, U.S.
- 2017 “Improving Farmers Markets and Challenging Neoliberalism in Argentina”
- Latin American Studies Association International Congress (regular session), Lima, Peru.
- 2016 “Struggling in the New England Countryside: Is CSA Farming a Form of Dissent?”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (roundtable), with Danielle Falzon and Pinar Batur, Seattle, WA, U.S.
 - Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), with Danielle Falzon and Pinar Batur, Boston, MA, U.S.
- 2016 “Co-constructing Outness: Conducting Qualitative Research with Queer Farmers”
- Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting (regular session), Toronto, Canada.
- 2015-16 “Queer Farmers: Sexuality and the Transition to Sustainable Agriculture”
- International Rural Sociology Association World Congress (regular session), Toronto, Canada.
 - Transecting Society Conference (regular session), Durham, NH, U.S.

TEACHING

Extension Teaching to the Public

University of Vermont Extension (Lead Instructor, original curricula)

2022- Extension Community Development Programming

Summary statistics:

- **149** Educational activities delivered
- **469** Unique people reached
- **977** Times individuals participated
- **1,288** Contact hours
- **23** People received 6+ hours of direct education
- **11** People received 20+ hours of direct education
- **40** Individual consultations

Original Extension teaching series:

2022- Out in the Open Participatory Action Research Project. “Rural Trans and Queer Health in New England.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PIs: HB Lozito+ and Gianni Solórzano**; Other Key Personnel: Emily Talkow*.

2022- Cultivemos (formerly USDA FRSSAN (Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network in the Northeast)) Community Service Provider Cohort (formerly Queer Agriculture Service Provider Cohort in the Northeast) Participatory Action Research Project. “Queer Thriving in Agriculture.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PIs: Bilal Sarwari+, Gianni Solórzano**, Connor Vaughn+, and MC Whelan+; Other Key Personnel: Ariel Aaronson-Eves+, Michelle Nikfarjam*, and Suzanna Denison+.

2023- University of Vermont Food Justice Lab. PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PIs: Joshua Allen+, Lechelle Antonia-Gray+, Kafi Dixon+, Teresa Mares, DeMetris Reed, Gianni Solórzano**, and Alexis Yamashita*; Other Key Personnel: Colin Anderson, Chris Callahan, Polly Ericksen, and Ernesto Méndez.

2023- University of Vermont Extension Professional Development Lab. PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie.

2023- NOFA-VT (Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont)/University of Vermont Extension Participatory Action Research Project. “Jewish Trans and Queer Agriculture.” PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PIs: Marjorie Feld, Gianni Solórzano**, and Grace Oedel+; Other Key Personnel: Emily Talkow*.

2024- Trans and Queer Farmer Portrait Project. PI: Isaac Sohn Leslie; Co-PIs: Jamie Skye Bianco and Kayleigh MacDonald+; Other Key Personnel: Leonard Santos.

Postdoctoral, Graduate Student, and Undergraduate Student Advising

University of Vermont

- 2023- Michelle Nikfarjam, Ph.D. Candidate in Food Systems (Dissertation Chair and Committee Member). “An Agroecological Vision of Agroforestry for Food Production, Ecological Restoration, and Social Equity in the Northeast.”
- 2024- Emily Hoyler, Ph.D. Student in Transdisciplinary Leadership, Creativity, and Sustainability (Dissertation Committee Member). “Educating for the End of a World – A Narrative Inquiry.”
- 2025- Gianni Solórzano, Postdoctoral Research Associate in Extension and Food Justice (Postdoctoral Advisor).
- 2025- Emily Talkow, M.S. Student in Food Systems (Advisor). “The Gendered Architecture of the U.S. Farm Bill.”
- 2026- River VanWinkle, B.A. Student in Anthropology (Honors Thesis Chair and Committee Member).
- 2026- Madeleine Freundlich, Ph.D. Student in Food Systems (Advisor).
- 2024-26 Summer Lang Moeller, M.S. in Food Systems (Advisor). “Aligning Operations with Values in a Multi-farm Organization.”

University of New Hampshire

- 2021-22 Alexa Wilhelm, M.S. in Agricultural Sciences (Thesis Committee Member). “[Connecting New England Farmers to Large Retailers via Values-based Supply Chains](#).”

Graduate Course

University of New Hampshire (Lead Instructor, original curriculum)

- 2021 U.S. Food Systems: Political Economy, Governance, and Social Movements

Undergraduate Courses

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Teaching Assistant)

- 2018 Introduction to Community and Environmental Sociology (Michael Bell)
- 2016 Issues in Food Systems (Monica White)

University of New Hampshire (Teaching Assistant)

- 2016 Global Social Change (Thomas Safford)
- 2014-15 Sociology of Sexual Behavior (Nena Stracuzzi)

2014-15 Sociology of the Family (Nena Stracuzzi)

High School Courses

Eagle Rock School (Lead Instructor, original curricula)

- 2011-14 Music Ensembles
- Music Director: *Improv Ensemble*, *Vocal Ensemble*, and *Eagle Rockapella*
- 2012-14 Theater and Society
- Musical Theater Director: *In the Heights*, *RENT*, and *Urinetown*
 - Theater Director: *In the Blood* and *Said and Meant*
- 2013 Theater Production
- 2013 Latin Jazz Theory and Performance
- 2013 Community Problem Solving (community organizing and facilitation)
- 2012 (x2) Voices in Your Head (music theory, ear training, and personal growth)
- 2012 Digital Music and the Environment
- 2011 Digital Music Composition for Film
- 2011 Blue Notes (Blues improvisation and performance)
- 2011 Soil, Society, and Sustainability
- 2011 Improvisation (instrumental and vocal improvisation and performance)
- 2010 Race, Class, and Gender in Jazz History

SERVICE

National

U.S. Department of Agriculture

- 2023 Invited Panelist, NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture) Federal Grant Peer-Review Panel
- 2023 Co-chair, Northeast SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education) Director Search Committee

AmeriCorps/Public Allies

2010-11 Teaching Fellow in Music, Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center

Regional

Northeast Queer Farmers Alliance

2019- Listserv Moderator

Out in the Open

2022- Community Research Facilitator, Rural Trans and Queer Health Justice Research Team

2021-25 Member, Rural Trans and Queer Health Justice Working Group

Cultivemos

2023- Community Research Facilitator, Queer Agricultural Service Provider Cohort in the Northeast

2021-25 Member, Queer Agricultural Service Provider Cohort in the Northeast

New England State Food System Planners Partnership

2021-22 Member, New England Feeding New England Advisory Committee

State and Local

New Hampshire Queer Farmer Network

2023-24 Member, Advisory Committee

University and Department

University of Vermont

2023- Member, Food Systems Graduate Program Recruitment and Admissions Committee

2025- Member, Food Systems Graduate Program Steering Committee

2025- Co-lead, Extension Community Development Program Area Team

2025- Member, Extension Program and Policy Leadership Team

2025- Member, Extension Faculty Organization Faculty Appointment and Funding Working Group

2025- Member, Gund Institute for Environment Ph.D. Research Fellowships Committee

2023 Member, Extension Faculty Search Committee

University of New Hampshire

2021 Member, Food and Climate Research Network, Collaborative Research Excellence
Interdisciplinary Working Group

2014-16 Facilitator, President's Commission on the Status of LGBTQ+ People Professional
Development Working Group

2014-16 President (2015-16) and Director (2014-15), Stonewall Grads

2015-16 Member, President's Commission on the Status of LGBTQ+ People

University of Wisconsin-Madison

2018 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology

2018 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology Evaluation and Improvement of
Instruction Committee

Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center

2011-14 Co-founder and Advisor, Spectrum (LGBTQ+ discussion group)

2013-14 Facilitator, Diversity and Inclusion Critical Friends Group

2011-13 Member, Professional Development Critical Friends Group

Academic Associations

American Sociological Association

2019-20 Graduate Student Representative, Environmental Sociology Section Teaching and Outreach
Committee

Rural Sociological Society

2018-19 Graduate Student Representative, Publications Committee

2017-18 Graduate Student Assistant, Gender and Sexualities Research Interest Group

2016-17 Graduate Student Representative, Development Committee

Manuscript Reviews

4	<i>Agriculture and Human Values</i>
3	<i>Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems</i>
1	<i>Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography</i>
1	<i>Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene</i>
1	<i>Environmental Sociology</i>
1	<i>Feminist Studies</i>
2	<i>Food, Culture and Society</i>
2	<i>Journal of Rural Studies</i>
1	<i>Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies</i>
4	<i>Rural Sociology</i>
1	<i>Sexuality Research and Social Policy</i>
1	<i>Social Currents</i>

OTHER

Professional Affiliations

- Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society
- American Association of Geographers
- American Sociological Association
- Rural Sociological Society

Languages

- English (native)
- Spanish (fluent)