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Current Position

Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Academic Planning, and Professor of Sociology and International Studies, Robert J. Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College (2024- present)

Previous Academic Appointments at Boston College

Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Graduate School, Robert J. Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College (Summer 2024)

Associate Dean for the University Core Curriculum, Robert J. Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College (summer 2018- September 2023)

Associate Professor, Sociology Department and the International Studies Program, Boston College (2015-2024)

Assistant Professor of Sociology and International Studies, Boston College (2009-2015)

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz (Parenthetical notation in Environmental Studies)

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz

M.S. Environmental Science & Regional Planning, Washington State University (US Peace Corps Masters International Program, Honduras)

B.A. Social Science, Providence College (Major concentration in Anthropology, Economics, and Philosophy; Minor in Environmental Studies; Division 1 Varsity Soccer, four years)

Administrative Responsibilities

Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Academic Planning, Boston College

Responsible for assisting the Dean with all areas of the faculty lifecycle in the Humanities and Social Science departments of the Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences (MCAS). The Senior Associate Dean serves as the point-of-contact for department chairs on faculty personnel issues, works with the Dean and Associate Dean for Finance and Administration to review departmental faculty search requests, submit MCAS requests to the Provost's Office, and review department advertising of approved positions. The Senior Associate Dean is responsible for conducting new faculty interviews with finalists and works with department chairs to draft offer letters. The Senior Associate Dean assists the Dean in the faculty evaluation and merit review process, serves ex officio on the Non-Tenure-Track Promotion Committee, chairs the MCAS Education Policy Committee, and works with the Vice Provost for Faculty in planning for departmental academic reviews and preparing for and responding to the visiting committees' reports. The Senior Associate Dean also works with

the Dean to develop mission formation programming, new MCAS faculty orientation events, and a broader range of ways to connect faculty with the University's mission.

Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Morrissey Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Responsible for reviewing grade changes, leaves of absence, conference travel, and addressing concerns related to academic progress with graduate students and relevant faculty, financial aid, grade and degree changes, and other matters related to graduate student affairs.

Associate Dean for the University Core Curriculum, Boston College

Responsible for overseeing the University Core Curriculum, reporting to the Dean of the Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences and the Provost of Boston College. The University Core Curriculum comprises fifteen requirements fulfilled by all 9,445 undergraduate students at Boston College. Requirements span the social and natural sciences and the humanities. The Associate Dean for the Core chairs the University Core Renewal Committee (comprised of sixteen faculty and administrators from across the University), chairs or sits on its four subcommittees, works with faculty, academic departments, administrators, and other institutions university-wide on engagement with the Core Curriculum. Associate Dean oversees approval of all new Core courses, approximately 250 each year. Responsible for roughly \$1.5 million budget annually for course development and support for the Core Curriculum, including hiring visiting faculty in the Core Fellows Program.

Current Scholarly Projects

(† indicates coauthor was a student at the time of research/publication)

Gareau, Brian J., with Sandra DiDonato †, Tara Pisani Gareau, Lijing Gao, and Kaley McCarty†. “I Gotta Tell You, It’s Not About the Money, It’s About the Lifestyle’: Identity, Community, and Hybrid Landscapes in the Massachusetts Cranberry Natureculture”

Gareau, Brian J. and Mary Thomas Crane. “Formative Teaching: How Collaborative Interdisciplinary Teaching Yields Community, Meaning, and Impact.” Book chapter for a volume on formative education in higher education. David Quigley, Jack Butler, S.J., Stanton Wortham, and Margaret Laurence (Eds)

Selected Publications

Books

Connor J. Fitzmaurice and Brian J. Gareau. *Modern American Organic Farming and the Future: Small Farms in New England*. Japanese translation) and updated version of *Organic Futur* (trans. by Raymond Jussaumees), Tsukuba Shobo Press, 2018

White, Damian F., Alan P. Rudy, and Brian J. Gareau. *Environments, Natures, and Social Theory: Towards a Critical Hybridity*. “Themes in Social Theory” Series, R. Stones (Series Editor) New York: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2016

Connor J. Fitzmaurice† and Brian J. Gareau. *Organic Futures: Searching for Sustainability on the Organic Farm*. “Yale Agrarian Studies Series,” James C. Scott (Series Editor) New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 2016

Gareau, Brian J. *From Precaution to Profit: Contemporary Challenges to Environmental Protection in the Montreal Protocol*. “Yale Agrarian Studies Series,” James C. Scott (Series Editor) New Haven & London: Yale University Press, 2013

Special Issues

Gareau, Brian J., with Penelope Canan, Stephen O. Andersen, and Nancy Reichman (Guest Editors) Special Issue on “Ozone Layer Protection and Climate Change.” *Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences* 5(2): 111-121, 2015

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Pisani Gareau, Tara L., Lijing Gao, and Brian J. Gareau. “The enduring nature of cranberry production in a changing climate: The interplay of extreme weather, knowledge networks, and adaptation.” [*PLoS Climate*](#), 3(5): e0000350, 2024

CoatarPeter, Patrick† and Brian J. Gareau. “Combining World-System and World Polity Approaches to Analyze International Environmental Governance: A Case Study of Forest Governance in Chile.” [*Environmental Sociology*](#) 9(1): 67-79, 2023

Gareau, Brian J. Xiaorui Huang†, Tara Pisani Gareau, and Sandra DiDonato†. “*Silent Spring* at 60: Assessing Environmentalism in the Cranberry Treadmill of Production in Massachusetts.” [*Journal of Rural Studies*](#) 95: 505-520, 2022

DiDonato, Sandra† and Brian J. Gareau. “Be(e)coming Pollinators: Beekeeping and Perceptions of Environmentalism in Massachusetts.” [*PLoS One*](#) 17(3): e0263281, 2022

Gareau, Brian J., Xiaorui Huang†, Tara Pisani Gareau, and Sandra DiDonato†. “The Strength of Green Ties: Massachusetts Cranberry Grower Social Networks and Effects on Climate Change Attitudes and Action.” [*Climatic Change*](#) 162(3): 1613-1636, 2020

Gareau, Brian J., Xiaorui Huang†, and Tara Pisani Gareau. “Social and Ecological Conditions of Cranberry Production and Climate Change Attitudes in New England.” [*PLoS One*](#) 13(12): e0207237, 2018

Gareau, Brian J., and Cristina A. Lucier†. “Neoliberal Restructuring of the World Polity: The Weakening of the Montreal Protocol and Basel Convention in Historical Perspective.” [*Environmental Sociology*](#) 4(3): 325-342, 2018

Olson, Katherine A.†, and Brian J. Gareau. "Hydro/Power? Politics, Discourse and Neoliberalization in Laos's Hydroelectric Development." [*Sociology of Development*](#) 14(1): 94-118, 2018

Cristina A. Lucier† and Brian J. Gareau. “Obstacles to Precaution and Equity in Global Hazardous Waste Regulation: An Analysis of Contested Knowledge in the Basel Convention.” [*International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law, and Economics*](#) 16(4), 493-508, 2016

Gareau, Brian J. “Lessons from the Montreal Protocol Delay in Phasing Out Methyl Bromide.” [*Journal of Environmental Studies and Sciences*](#). 5(2): 163-168, 2015

Gareau, Brian J. “Introduction to Global Environmental Constitutionalism.” Special Issue on Global Environmental Constitutionalism. *Environmental Affairs Law Review* 40 (2): 403-408, 2013

Gareau, Brian J. “The Limited Influence of Global Civil Society: International Environmental NGOs and the Methyl Bromide Controversy in the Montreal Protocol.” *Environmental Politics* 21(1): 88–107, 2012

Gareau, Brian J. “A Critical Review of the Successful CFC Phase-out versus the Delayed Methyl Bromide Phase-out in the Montreal Protocol. *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Economics* 10(3): 209-231, 2010

Gareau, Brian J. with E.M. DuPuis. "From Public to Private Global Environmental Governance: Lessons from the Montreal Protocol's Stalled Methyl Bromide Phase-out." *Environment & Planning A* 41(10): 2305-2323, 2009

Gareau, Brian J. with E.M. DuPuis. "Neoliberal Knowledge: The Decline of Technocracy and the Weakening of the Montreal Protocol." *Social Science Quarterly* 89(5): 1212-1229, 2008

Gareau, Brian J. "Ecological Values amid Local Interests: Natural Resource Conservation, Social Differentiation, and Human Survival in Honduras." *Rural Sociology* 72(2): 244-268, 2007

Book Chapters

Gareau, Brian J. with T. Pisani Gareau. "The Importance of Mentorship in a Core Education," In *Curriculum by Design: Innovation and the Liberal Arts Core* (Mary Crane, David Quigley, and Andy Boynton, eds.) Fordham University Press, 2023

Selected Honors/Awards

Choice Outstanding Academic Title in the International Relations Category, *From Precaution to Profit*, Yale University Press, 2013

1st Place Winner , Eric Wolf Prize for the best article-length paper based on dissertation research, The Political Ecology Society, award presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Paper titled: "Social Capital and the Vertical Integration of Power: The Case of the Methyl Bromide Phase-out in the Montreal Protocol," 2011

1st Place Winner, SSSP Global Division/Critical Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition Global Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) in cooperation with the Journal of Critical Sociology, "The Limited Influence of Global Civil Society in the Montreal Protocol," 2008

UC- Santa Cruz Campus-wide Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (commendation), 2005; 2007

UC- Santa Cruz Academic Senate Excellence in Teaching Award (unable to accept award due to non-tenure track status), 2006

Fourth Worldwide Writing Competition for Junior Sociologists, International Sociological Association (ISA) (commendation), "Global Concerns, Local Interests: Natural Resource Conservation and Human Survival in Honduras," 2005

Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UC- Santa Cruz, 2004; 2005; 2007

Selected Fellowships and Grants

PI on grant submitted to the Foundational Program in the Bioenergy Natural Resources and Environment and Sustainable Agroecosystems: Health, Functions, Processes and Management area (Program Code A1451) of the USDA-NIFA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Competitive Grants Program. Proposal Title: "Can restored wetlands, farmers' perceptions, and their practices improve cranberry agroecosystems and climate readiness?" PIs: Brian J. Gareau (Boston College), Thilina Surasinghe (Bridgewater State

University), Kunwar Singh (College of William and Mary); Collaborator: Tara Pisani Gareau (Boston College). NIFI Proposal #: 2022-09859; Project budget: \$650,000, Unfunded

PI on graduate student Sandra DiDonato's† Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Graduate Student Research Grant, "Farmer Engagement with Regenerative Agriculture in New England: Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Improve Services and Outreach." UVM PROPOSAL #: GNE22-281-AWD00000495. PI: Brian J. Gareau, 2022-2023

Boston College Office of the Vice Provost for Research. Research Across Departments and Schools (RADS) Grant for "*Assessing Social and Environmental Pressures and Influences on the Cranberry Treadmill of Production in Massachusetts*," Tara Pisani Gareau (PI), and Brian J. Gareau (Co-PI). 2022-2023

Victory Noll Sisters Small Grant (via Catholic Climate Covenant), to support research project, "Researching the Implementation of *Laudato Si'* in Select Catholic Parishes/Dioceses." Brian J. Gareau and Russ Powell (co-PIs). 2021-2022

Boston College Institute for the Liberal Arts (ILA), Major Grant for "*Rewilding Planet Earth*, an interdisciplinary Environmental Studies lecture series." Grant participants: Tara Pisani Gareau (PI), Brian Gareau, Laura Hake, Philip Landrigan, Heather Olins, Holly Vandewall, Min Song, Jeffrey DaCosta, three years of support, 2021-2024

Research into Formative Education Grant for "Difference, Justice & the Common Good: A New Core Living and Learning Community," Grant participants: Elizabeth Shlala (PI), Yasmin Zaerpoor, Russell Powell, Brian Gareau (organized through the University Core Curriculum), Funded by The Provost's Office and University Mission & Ministry, Boston College. 2021-2022

Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics, Funding towards Gov. Bill Ritter's visit to the Complex Problems Course, Global Implications of Climate Change, Carroll School of Management, Boston College, 2017
Boston College University Council on Teaching (UCT), Teaching, Advising and Mentoring Grant, 2013; 2016

Boston College Office of the Vice Provost for Research, *Ignite* recipient for "Massachusetts Cranberries: Sustaining a Native Production System amidst a Changing Climate." Co-PI: Tara Pisani Gareau. 2016

Boston College Institute for the Liberal Arts (ILA), Major Grant for "Organizing a Week-Long, Interdisciplinary Series of Events around Pope Francis's much-anticipated Forthcoming Encyclical on the Environment." Co-PI: Noah Snyder. 2015

UC Institute on Global Conflict & Cooperation (IGCC) Faculty Research Grant. Title: "The Local, 2006 Regional, and International Impacts of Global Strawberry Production." John Borrego (PI, UC- Santa Cruz); Michael Watts (collaborator, UC- Berkeley); Brian J. Gareau and Marcos Lopez (Graduate Student Researchers, UC- Santa Cruz), 2006

Selected University Presentations and Notable Administrative Service

Selection Committee Member, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, MCAS Graduate School, Boston College, 2025-present

Faculty Advisor, BC Companions Program, Invited by David Quigley, Provost and Dean of Faculties, Frank Herrmann, S.J., and Margaret Laurence, Director of BC Companions & Initiatives for Formative Education, Boston College, 2024-present

Messina College Education Policy Committee Inaugural Member, Invited by Erick Berrelleza, S.J., Dean of Messina College, Boston College, 2024-present

Search Committee Member for the Inaugural Hale Family Director of Women's and Gender Studies Program, Invited by Gregory Kalscheur, S.J., Dean, Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College, 2024

Organized the “Dean's Colloquium on Teaching, Research, and Learning in the Age of AI,” on behalf of MCAS Dean Kalscheur, S.J. Participants: Michael Serazio, John Fitzgibbon, Virginia Reinberg, and Nam Wook Kim. Boston College, 15 February 2024

Interviewer for finalist in the Messina College Associate Dean search, Invited by Erick Berrelleza, S.J., Dean of Messina College, Boston College, May 2023

External Reviewer, Academic Program Review Committee, Marquette University Core Curriculum Department, Invited by Dr. John Su, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, Marquette University, Spring 2022

Panel Participant on the Presidential Consultation Program, Focus Session: Core Renewal: The Heart of the Jesuit Education. Session Participant: Gregory Kalscheur, S.J., MCAS Dean; Brian J Gareau, Associate Dean for the Core; Vena Offen, Core Fellow in Environmental Studies; Elizabeth Shlala, Assistant Dean of the Core; Jenna Tonn, Assistant Professor of the Practice, Engineering. Invited by Jim Husson, Senior VP of University Advancement. 25 March 2022.

Member, New England Commission on Higher Education Interim Report Core Committee, appointed by Peter Martin, Special Assistant to the President, Boston College, 2021-2022

Guest Interviewee, “Meet your Colleague,” Interviewed by Bernie O’Kane, Director, Office of Employee Development, Boston College Human Resources, 85 registered viewers. 14 April 2021

Organized a semester-long “Discovery Expedition” on “Shaping Intellectual Horizons: BC’s Core Curriculum” for the Boston College Board of Regents. Includes 5 presentations and experiential activities on different highlights of the Core Curriculum: 1) Session Launch; 2) Complex Problems & Enduring Questions; 3) Cultural Diversity in the Core; 4) Core Fellows Program; 5) Reflection and Jesuit Pedagogy. With Dean Kalscheur, S.J., and BC University Advancement. November 2020-June 2021

Webinar series on Formative Education, with colleagues from Perspectives, PULSE, The Core, Office of the Provost, CDIL and CTE. Designed to share lessons learned from the past spring and summer on integrating formative education in synchronous, asynchronous, or hybrid classrooms. Over 300 individuals attended the webinars with representatives of faculty members from every school, 2020-2021

Planned, produced and hosted *The Show@6: BC and the Common Good*. A virtual "talk show" available via Zoom developed by Vice Provost for Global Engagement, Fr. Jim Keenan, S.J., Vice Provost for Research and Academic Planning, Thomas Chiles, Vice Provost for Faculties, Billy Soo, Intersections Program Executive Director, Burt Howell, and Brian Gareau, Associate Dean for the Core. The series had 26 one-hour episodes of online “fireside chats” hosted by Boston College administrators, faculty, and students and focused on a wide range of critical contemporary topics and issues, discussed through the lens of the common good. Each show brought in at least thirty viewers, and some brought in several hundred, 2020

Steering Committee Member, Boston College Prison Education Program, Organized by Provost David Quigley, Boston College, 2020- 2022

Lead Discussant, Panel Discussion on “The Liberal Arts Advantage,” Organized by John Mahoney, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, and Brian Gareau, Associate Dean for the Core, Designed for Prospective Students and Parents, Boston College. 3 Events, Summer 2020

Engineering Department Chair Search Advisory Committee Member, appointed by Dean Kalscheur, S.J., 2020

Affiliated Faculty and Steering Committee Member, the Environmental Studies Program, Boston College, 2019- present

Executive Director of the Schiller Institute for Integrated Science & Society Search Advisory Committee Member, appointed by Dean Kalscheur, S.J., 2019

Invited Lecture on Boston College’s University Core Curriculum, Saint Louis University, 31 January-1 February, 2019

McCarthy Prize Honors Thesis Review Committee, Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College, 2018-present

Review Committee, Order of the Cross and Crown, MCAS Honors Society for seniors, 2018-present

Discussion Leader, Morrissey College Dean’s Retreat, appointed by Dean Kalscheur, SJ. The Connors Center, Dover, MA, 2018-present

University Committee on Learning Outcomes (UCLO) Advisory Committee, Boston College, 2018-2020

Boston College Integrated Science and Society (IISS) Implementation Group, appointed by Dean of Morrissey College of Arts & Sciences, Boston College, 2016-2017

Woods College Educational Policy Committee, appointed by Dean of Woods College, Boston College, 2016-2024

Boston College Strategic Plan Steering Committee, Committee Member, appointed by President William P. Leahy, S.J., Boston College, 2015-2017

Advisory Committee Member of the Church of the 21st Century Center, appointed by President William P. Leahy, S.J., Boston College, 2015-2018

Appointed member of the University Core Renewal Committee, appointed by the Dean of the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Boston College, 2015-2018

Institutional Review Board Member, Boston College, 2011-2014

Mentor, Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program, Boston College, 2010-present

Selected University Collaborations

Participant in *The Table*, a forum for achieving sustained conversation around major formative issues concerning Boston College’s undergraduate population as it relates to student learning and culture in a rigorous academic environment, with the goal of moving from dialog to implementation in key areas. Participants include: William P. Leahy, S.J. (President), Jack Butler, S.J. (VP Mission & Ministry), David Quigley (Provost and Dean of Faculties), Andy Boynton (Dean, CSOM), Susan Gennaro (Dean, CSON),

Greg Kalscheur, S.J. (Dean, MCAS), Stanton Wortham (Dean, LSEHD), Joy Moore (VP, Student Affairs), Billy Soo (Vice Provost for Faculties), Akua Sarr (Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs), Tom Wall (University Librarian), Brian Gareau (Associate Dean, Core Curriculum), and Burt Howell (Exec. Director, Intersections), 2018-2022

Participant in “Catholicism and the University” Seminar, Sponsored by The Jesuit Institute, Boston College. Participants entertain questions about how Catholicism can and does influence our understanding of the university. In light of the new University Strategic Plan that emphasizes student formation, research/scholarship oriented toward the common good, and global outreach, the seminar considers Catholicism’s influence with not only the university’s mission, but also the university’s specific culture, faculty research/scholarship, hiring policies, student affairs, development, actual identity, etc. Participants: James Keenan, S.J. (Director, Jesuit Institute), John Butler, S.J. (VP, University Mission & Ministry), Mara Hermano (VP, Institutional Research & Planning), Joy Moore (VP Student Affairs), Billy Soo (Vice Provost), Thomas Chiles (Vice Provost), Burt Howell (Director, Intersections), Michael Naughton (Physics), Thomas Stegman (Dean, School of Theology & Ministry), Mary Crane (Director, Institute for the Liberal Arts), Welkin Johnson (Biology), Vincent Rougeau (Dean, Law School), Amy Yancy (VP Advancement), Akua Sarr (Vice Provost), John Zona (CIO, Treasurer’s Office), Brian Gareau (Associate Dean, MCAS), 2019-2022

“Answering the Call: The Science, Policy, and Ethics of the Global Climate Change Crisis.” With co-chairs Tara Pisani Gareau (Director, Environmental Studies Program, Boston College), Juliet B. Schor (Professor, Sociology, Boston College), and Prasannan Parthasarathi (Professor, History, Boston College), organized the first-ever series put forward by the Boston College Environmental Studies Program. Series included lectures throughout the academic year, involving collaborations and co-sponsorships with the Boston College Lowell Humanities Series, the Earth and Environmental Sciences Department, The BC Law School, the Sociology Department, Office for International Programs, The Boston College Jesuit Institute, and the Global Public Health and the Common Good Program, the History Department, the English Department, Asian Studies, Carroll School of Management/The Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics, the Sociology Department, and Center for Human Rights and International Justice. Speakers included: James Hansen (Director of Climate Science, Awareness and Solutions at Columbia’s Earth Institute; Former Director of NASA’s Goddard Institute of Space Studies), Jeremy Grantham (Chief Strategist Officer & Co-Founder of GMO; and Founder, Grantham Foundation for the Protection of the Environment), Jeffery Sachs (Director of Columbia’s Center for Sustainable Development; and Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network), Phil Landrigan (Professor, Director, Global Public Health Program and Global Pollution Observatory, Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society), Amitav Ghosh (Indian writer, author of a number of fiction and non-fiction books including *The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable*, in partnership with Boston College Lowell Humanities Series), Mary Robinson (President of Ireland (1990-1997), United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (1997 to 2002), and author of *Climate Justice: Hope Resilience and the Fight for a Sustainable Future*, in partnership with Boston College Lowell Humanities Series), Gautam Yadama (Dean, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work), Julia Olson (Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel, Our Children’s Trust; Lead Attorney for the Plaintiffs in *Juliana v United States*), Dr. Veerabhadran Ramanathan (Distinguished Professor of Atmospheric and Climate Sciences at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego), 2019-2020

Co-Chair of “Our Common Home Working Group,” The Jesuit Institute, Boston College. Starting as a response to Pope Francis’ Encyclical *Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home*, a working group of faculty across the university developed a four day conference in September 2015 entitled Our Common Home. Among speakers were Cardinal Peter Turkson, Senator Edward Markey and Dr. John Holdren (see www.bc.edu/commonhome). Given its success, the Working Group now seeks to sponsor a variety of events and programs to raise university consciousness about the issues of Our Common Home, 2015-present

Selected Departmental Service (Sociology, International Studies, Environmental Studies)

Faculty Steering Committee, Environmental Studies Program, Boston College, 2013-present

International Studies Academic Advisory Board, International Studies Program, Boston College, 2009-present

Faculty Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of the Practice in Human Geography, International Studies Program, Boston College, 2021-2022

Director of the Honors Program, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 2016-2018

Alpha Kappa Delta Coordinator (Sociology Honors), Dept. of Sociology, Boston College, 2012-2015

Faculty Review Committee, Environmental Studies Program, Boston College, 2010-2013

Faculty Hiring Committee, International Studies Program, Boston College, 2010-2011

Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 2010-2011
Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Boston College, 2009-2011

Selected Service to Profession

Associate Deputy Editor, *Climatic Change*, 2019-2021

Chair of Nominations Committee, Section on Environment & Technology, American Sociological Association, 2016-2018

Marvin E. Olsen Paper Award Committee, Section on Environment & Technology, American Sociological Association, 2012-2013

External reviewer for promotion to associate professor with tenure: University of Utah; Idaho State University; George Washington University; Virginia Commonwealth University; Boston College (as Peer Teaching Evaluator of an MCAS College faculty member)

Selected Presentations

With Christina Vagnoni,[†] Abby Kronik[†] and Jenna Nguyen,[†] “From Bogs to Wetlands: An Examination of Collaborative Environmental Governance in Massachusetts’ Cranberry Industry.” Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, MA, 6-9 March, 2025

With Sandra DiDonato,[†] “From Soil to Society: Exploring Economic Access and Community Networks in New England’s Regenerative Agriculture,” Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, MA, 6-9 March, 2025

With Lan Huang,[†] “Diverse Flocks, Shared Spaces: Understanding Birdwatching and Environmental Solidarity in Boston,” Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, MA, 6-9 March 2025

With Lijing Gao, Sandra DiDonato[†], and Tara Pisani Gareau, “Entangled with Cranberry Vines: Cranberry Naturecultures in Contemporary Massachusetts.” ASFS/AFHVS Annual Conference, Syracuse, NY, 5-8 June 2024

With Lijing Gao and Tara Pisani Gareau, “Interplay of Climate Change, Extension Communication, and Massachusetts Cranberry Grower Experiences,” 85th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, 2-6 August 2023

With Lijing Gao and Tara Pisani Gareau, “Climate Change Attitudes of Massachusetts Cranberry Growers: The Interplay of Experience, Information and Adaptation Strategies,” Session on Vulnerability, Resilience and Adaptation: Surviving Climate Change. ASFS/AFHVS Annual Conference, Boston, MA, Boston University, 1 June 2023

With Tara Pisani Gareau, Sandra DiDonato† and Kaley McCarty†, “My Thin Trailing Vines Have Vanished’: A Socio-Historical Analysis of Massachusetts Cranberry Landscapes and Contested Futures.” 152. Security in Housing, Food, and in Cross National Perspective. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. 10-13 March, Boston, 2022

With Patrick CoatarPeter†, “Governance Advances that Efface Environmental Ambition: Combining Institutional and Political-economic Approaches to Analyze Chile’s REDD+ Program.” Section on Theorizing Environment and Society in the Anthropocene II. Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Held virtually, 6-8 August 2021

With Patrick CoatarPeter†, “Interrogating World Society and World-Systems Approaches to Analyze Chile’s REDD+ Program.” Table 27: Reimagining Environmentalism. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, 9 August 9 2021

With Tara Pisani Gareau, Invited Lecture on "Cranberries and Climate Change: Massachusetts Cranberry Growers and the Challenges of Adaptation." Yale Agrarian Studies Program. Yale University, 10 February 2017

With Tara Pisani Gareau. “Cranberries and Climate Change: How Are Massachusetts Cranberry Growers Adapting to Socio-ecological Change? Section on Environment and Technology Paper Session. Advances in Micro-Level Research,” Mon, August 22. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, 2016

With Tara Pisani Gareau. Invited Lecture on “Cranberries and Climate Change. How Are Cranberry Growers Adapting for Socio-ecological Change?” [Colloquium Series at Weston Observatory](#), Boston College, 14 December 2016

Invited Lecture on “The Limited Influence of Global Civil Society in Global Environmental Governance.” Rhe Social Science Environmental Health Research Institute, Northeastern University. 20 October 2015.

Presenter at the Plenary Session, breakout session, and a working lunch for a day-long “Focus on the Global Challenges of Ozone Layer Protection and Planetary Warming” at the Association for Environmental Sciences and Studies (AESS). Session 1: “Global Warming and Ozone Layer Protection.” Session 2: “Opportunities and Pitfalls in Technology and Regime Governance: The Montreal Protocol” Panelists: Marco Gonzales, Penelope Canan (organizer), Stephen O. Andersen, Brian J. Gareau, Durwood Zaelke, Pace University, New York City, 12 June 2014

With White, Damian F. and Alan P. Rudy, “Hybridity and Contemporary Environmental Social Theory,” Session 1 of the 1st Meeting of the New England Critical Environmental Studies Workshop, Institute for the Study of Environment and Society, Brown University, 21 November 2014

With Cristina Lucier†, “From “Waste to Resources”? How Global Governance May Reshape and Perpetuate the Race to the Bottom in Hazardous Wastes.” Session 184: Globalization, Environment and Political Participation. Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Boston, MA, 23 March 2013

Organizing Chair for Session, “Environmental Movements, Organizations and Civil Societies,” RC24: Environment and Society, International Sociological Association (ISA) 2nd ISA Forum of Sociology, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1-4 August 2012

“Scientific Controversies Global Environmental Governance.” Ethics and Politics in Science & Technology (STS.011, Prof. Vincent Lépinay), 6 December, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Boston, MA, 2011

“International Environmental NGOs in Global Environmental Governance: A Critique,” Session on Pushing the Boundaries of Environmental Policy: Scientists, NGOs, States, and Industry, The Environment & Technology Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta 14-17 August 2010

“Globalmentality: The Montreal Protocol and Lessons for Climatic Governance,” Invited Paper for the Session on Critical Geographies of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation (Discussant: Simon Dalby). Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers. Washington, D.C., 14-18 April 2010

“The Neoliberalization of Global Civil Society: The Impact of California Strawberries on the Montreal Protocol,” Special Session on Alternative Agricultural Movements, Joint Meeting of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society/Association for the Study of Food and Society. State College, PA, 28-31 May 2009

Organizing Chair for Session, “Climate, Ozone, Water Scarcity, and New Social Institutions,” RC24: Environment and Society, International Sociological Association (ISA) 1st ISA Forum of Sociology, Barcelona, 5-8 September 2008

Invited Lecture, “The Sociology of Urban/Environmental Issues: An Introduction.” College Building 346, 5 January, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), 2008

Selected Publicity

Quoted in, “Climate change is coming for New England's cranberries: Hotter summers, wimpier winters, shifting springs: They all add up to make the conditions tough for the fruits and their dedicated growers.” [National Geographic](#) 25 November 2020

Interviewed for insights on reducing environmental impact in “Ask the Experts: Mardi Gras Madness” [Wallethub](#) 22 February 2017

Fitzmaurice, Connor J.† and Brian J. Gareau. [Seedbed: Down on the Organic Farm](#). *Boston College Magazine*. Winter, 2017

With Connor J. Fitzmaurice†, interviewed for WBUR's *Radio Boston*, hosted by Meghna Chakrabarti, segment titled, “[How 'Supermarket Organic' Food Is Hurting Small Farmers](#)” 26 October 2016

Interviewed for story on the Boston College Strategic Plan, *Cornerstone: Boston College Annual Report*, 2016

Fitzmaurice, Connor J.† and Brian J. Gareau. “How Small Farms Continue to Struggle in the Organic Food Industry.” *Yale Books Unbound*, 7 November, 2016

Interviewed for “[On Earth, as it is: A Conference to Parse the Pope’s Climate Message.](#)” *Boston College Magazine*. Fall Issue, 2015

Interviewed for “Setting a Course: A Tale of Two Core Offerings. *Cornerstone: Boston College Annual Report*, 2015

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Compañía Pilgrimage participant. Immersive seminars and pilgrimage to Spain and Rome to experience the life of St. Ignatius and Jesuit Formation. Organized by Intersections and the Center for Ignatian Spirituality, Boston College, Summer 2023

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ACC Academic Leaders Network. Nominated by Provost and Dean of Faculties David Quigley, MCAS Dean Kalschur, S.J., and Vice-Provost for Faculties Soo, Boston College, 2018-2019

Ignatian Colleagues Program, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. Invited by President William P. Leahy, S.J., Boston College, 2015-2017

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