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Education

- 2019-2024
(Expected) **Ph.D. in Public Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN**
Environmental Policy (Major Field) and Policy Analysis (Minor Field)
Committee: James Farmer (chair), Shellye Suttles, Landon Yoder, Nikolaos Ziropiannis, Jerome Dumortier
Dissertation: Discretion and Inequity in Farmer Programs
- 2018 **B.A., Colby College, Waterville, ME**
B.A. Environmental Policy, with Honors
B.A. Government
Advisor: Travis Reynolds
Thesis: Biodiversity Conservation as an Adaptation Strategy in Response to Climatic and Economic Shifts: Species Stewardship in Sacred Forests and Smallholder Crop Fields in Eastern Africa

Publications

1. **Zebrowski, W.** and Reynolds, T. Consumed from within? Social and ecological drivers of internal clearings in Ethiopian Orthodox Church Forests. *Land Degradation & Development*. (ACCEPTED).
2. **Zebrowski, W.**, Farmer, J., Bruce, A., Giroux, S., Dickinson, S., Chen, X., O'Donnell, M., and Benjamin, T. (2023). Use of Narratives to Communicate Organics with Commodity Grain Farmers. *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*, 38(e39): 1-8. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S174217052300025X>
3. **Zebrowski, W.** and Memmott, T. (2022). Mobilization Momentum: A Network Approach to Temporal Variation in Environmental Movements. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 93. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2022.102835>
4. Gazley, B., Fulton, B., **Zebrowski, W.** and King, D. (2022). Congregations, Climate Change, and Disaster Response. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*, 33(1): 157-178. <https://doi.org/10.1002/nml.21503>
5. Otieno, G., **Zebrowski, W.**, Recha, J. and Reynolds, T. (2021). Gender and Social Seed Networks for Climate Change Adaptation: Evidence from Bean, Finger Millet, and Sorghum Seeds Systems in East Africa. *Sustainability*, 13(4): 2074. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su13042074>

Extension Reports

1. O'Donnell, M., **Zebrowski, W.**, Farmer, J., and Benjamin, T. (2021). Indiana Organic Grain Production: Cases to Consider. Purdue University Extension. <https://projects.sare.org/wp-content/uploads/Indiana-Organic-Grain-Production-Cases-to-Consider.pdf>

Works in Progress

1. The Impact of Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program
2. The Racial Gap in Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program
3. Quantifying Discrimination in USDA Farm Assistance Implementation
4. Transportation Safety Policy's Impact on Truck Transportation Costs.
with Suttles, S.; Wade, T.; and Walters, L.
5. The Multiplex Farmer Network (MFN).
with Bravo Peña, F.
6. Seed Selection in Response to Climate Change by Farmers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania: The Impacts of Seed Networks and Information Access.
with Travis Reynolds and Gloria Otieno

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

Grants

2022-23 Sustainability Research Development Grant, Indiana University. (\$9,995)
with Bravo Peña, F.

Fellowships

2021-24 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. (\$138,000)
2021-22 Ostrom Fellowship, The Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University. (\$19,000)
Summer 2021 Merit-Based Summer Fellowship, Paul H. O'Neill School. (\$1,000)

Awards

2023 Sunbelt 2023 INSNA Student Member Travel Award. (\$1,800)

Research Interests

Policy Analysis, Environmental Policy, Agricultural Economics, Equity & Discrimination, Network Analysis

Teaching Interests

Food and Agricultural Policy, Policy Analysis, Environmental Policy and Economics, Econometrics, New Institutional Economics

Teaching

Indiana University

Spring 2023	SPEA-V 413 Food Systems and Community Resilience (Instructor of Record)
Spring 2021	SPEAV-V 607 Statistics for Research in Public Affairs II (Tutor for 1 st year Ph.D. Students)
Fall 2020	SPEA-P 710 Introduction to Microeconomics (Tutor for 1 st year Ph.D. Students)

Professional Experience

2019 – 2021	Research Assistant, Dr. James Farmer, Indiana University
2020	Research Assistant, Dr. Shellye Suttles, Indiana University
2019 –2020	Research Assistant, Dr. Beth Gazley, Indiana University

Conference Participation

Zebrowski, W. (2023, Nov 9). The Impact of County Boards on Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). Atlanta, GA. (ACCEPTED)

Zebrowski, W. (2023, July 24). Impacts and Drivers of Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program. The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Washington DC.

Zebrowski, W. and Bravo, Felipe P. (2023, June 28). The Multiplex Farmer Network (MFN) Framework. Sunbelt 2023, International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA), Portland, OR.

Zebrowski, W. (2023, May 24). Exploring the Racial Gap in Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program. Conference on Economics of Inequity in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Systems, Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN.

Zebrowski, W. (2023, May 10). The Impact of County Boards on Discretionary Rental Rate Adjustments in the Conservation Reserve Program. Duck Family Graduate Workshop, Seattle, WA.

Zebrowski, W. and Suttles, S. (2022, Nov. 18). Understanding the Effects of Transportation Safety Policy on Agricultural Supply Chains. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), Washington DC. .

Zebrowski, W. (2022, Feb. 25). Quantifying Discriminative Allocation in USDA Farm Assistance. O’Neill Ph.D. Student Association (OPSA) 22nd Annual Conference. Bloomington, IN.

Zebrowski, W. (2021, Dec. 8). The Seed, Information, and Relations Network (SIRN) Framework: An interdisciplinary framework for farmer seed network research. Food Commons in Europe and Beyond, International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC). Online Conference.

Gazley, B., Fulton, B., **Zebrowski, W.** and King, D. (2021, July 12). Congregations, Climate Change, and Disaster Response. International Society for Third Sector Research (ISTR). Online conference.

August 2023

Zebrowski, W., Otieno, G., and Reynolds, T. (2021, June 29). Seed Selection in Response to Climate Change by Farmers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania: The Impacts of Seed Networks and Information Access. The International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research (ICABR), Ravello, Italy. (Online)

Zebrowski, W. and Memmott, T. (2021, Mar. 25). Mobilization Momentum: A Network Approach to Temporal Variation in Environmental Movements. The Association of O’Neill PhD Students (AOPS) 21st Annual Conference. Bloomington, IN.

Gazley, B., Fulton, B., **Zebrowski, W.** and King, D. (2020, Nov. 11). Congregations, Climate Change, and Disaster Response. Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Online conference.

Zebrowski, W., Otieno, G., and Reynolds, T. (2020, Feb. 28). Social Seed Networks and Climate Change Adaptation: Exchanges of Seed and Information among Farmers in Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. Association of SPEA PhD Students (ASPS) 20th Annual Conference. Bloomington, IN.

Professional Service

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| 2023 | Graduate Student Representative, Student Academic Appointee Affairs Committee, Bloomington Faculty Council |
| 2023 | Honors Student Mentor, O’Neill School for Public and Environmental Affairs |
| 2020 – 2023 | President, Treasurer, Representative, O’Neill PhD Student Association, Indiana University |
| 2020 – 2022 | Anti-Racism Committee, Sustainable Food Systems Science, Indiana University |
| 2021 – 2022 | Session Chair, Honors Thesis Symposium, Indiana University |
| 2022 | Fischer Fellowship Selection Committee, O’Neill School for Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University |
| 2022 | Organizer, O’Neill PhD Student Association Student Conference, Indiana University |
| 2021 | World Commons Week 2021 Organizing Committee, International Association for the Study of the Commons |
| 2021 | Co-Chair, The Association of O’Neill PhD Students 21st Annual Conference, Indiana University |
| 2020 | Coordinator, Food Systems Reading Group, Indiana University |

Academic Affiliations

Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM)
Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA)
International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)