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## CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor	2018 - present	California State University, Bakersfield Sociology Department
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## EDUCATION

Ph.D.	2018	Stony Brook University Sociology
Master of Arts	2012	University of Colorado at Colorado Springs Sociology
Bachelor of Science	2007	Northern Arizona University Sociology

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Development	Statistical Research Methods
Global Health	International Political Economy
Global Environmental Change	Food and Agriculture

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*Forthcoming* “Aiding Fossil Fuel Dependency: A Cross-national Analysis of Energy-sector Aid, National Autonomy, and CO<sub>2</sub> Emission in 122 countries.” **Kent Henderson** and Jamie Sommer. *International Journal of Sociology*.

*Forthcoming* “Metropolitan Air Pollution Abatement and Industrial Growth: Global Urban Panel Analysis of PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>” Benjamin Leffel, Nikki Tavasoli, Brantley

Liddle, **Kent Henderson** and Sabrina Kiernan. *Environmental Sociology*.

- 2021 “Economic Incentive to Ignore the Environment: The World Environmental Regime, Foreign Direct Investment, and Decoupling of Development Aid” *Sociology of Development* 7(1): 77-97. <https://doi.org/10.1525/sod.2021.7.1.77>
- 2019 “Contradictory Governance Norms within World Society: Energy Development Strategies, Environmental Protection, and Carbon Dioxide Emissions.” *Environmental Sociology* 5(4): 393-404.\* <https://doi.org/10.1080/23251042.2019.1613031>
- \*Highlighted in *Nature Climate Change*: “Energy Aid Emissions Costs.” 2019 (9): 499. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-019-0524-7>
- 2017 “Environmentalism in the Periphery: Institutional Embeddedness and Deforestation among Fifteen Palm Oil Producers, 1990-2012.” *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 23(2): 269-297. **Kent Henderson** and Kristen Shorette. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jwsr.2017.699>

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Forthcoming* “Can the ‘Inclusion Discourse’ Fix the United Nation’s Development Problems?: A review of ‘The Politics of Social Inclusion: Bridging Knowledge and Policies Towards Social Change’.” *Contemporary Sociology*.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Global Capitalism and Development Organizations’ Impacts on Obesity: Can World Society Offset the World-system’s Negative Health Effects?”

“The Development Norms of World Society: Does the UN Really Set the Agenda on Foreign Aid?” **Kent Henderson**, Jamie Sommer, Andrew Hargrove, and Adrián Soto. (In Progress) – Funded with RSCA Grant from CSU, Bakersfield.

“The United Nations’ Essentialist Politics: Why World Society Prefers Technological Solutions over Regulatory Change to Address Climate Change.” **Kent Henderson**, Jamie Sommer, Andrew Hargrove, and Adrián Soto. (In Progress) – Funded with RSCA Grant from CSU, Bakersfield.

## AWARDS AND ACADEMIC HONORS

- 2021 Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity Grant. California State University, Bakersfield (\$5,000)
- 2017 Graduate Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Stony Brook University
- 2017 Student Athletes’ “Most Valuable Professor”, Stony Brook University.

2016 Funded Participant. Center for Environmental Politics Graduate Student Workshop at University of Washington.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 *Trade Openness, Development Assistance for Health, and Obesity: A Cross-national, Longitudinal Study of 127 Developing Countries*. American Sociological Association. 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Virtual): August 9.
- 2021 *The Development Norms of World Society: Does the UN really set the Agenda?* Coauthored with Jamie Sommer, Andrew Hargrove and Adrián Soto. American Sociological Association. 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (Virtual): August 9.
- 2019 *The World Environmental Regime, Economic Incentive, and Foreign Aid*. The Future of World Society Theory Mini-conference. New York, NY: August 9.
- 2019 *The World Environmental Regime and Foreign Aid: Does Embeddedness Improve Bilateral Foreign Aid?* Pacific Sociological Association 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Oakland, CA: March 29.
- 2016 *Bilateral Aid, World Society and Carbon Dioxide Emissions: Do Different Organizational Ties Matter?* Development in Question Conference. Cornell University, Ithaca, New York: October 7.
- 2016 *Environmentalism in the Periphery: World Cultural Embeddedness and Deforestation Among Fifteen Palm Oil Producers, 1990–2012*. Coauthored with Kristen Shorette. The Future of World Society Theory Mini-conference. Seattle, WA: Aug. 19
- 2016 *Global Environmentalism and Development Finance: Effects of Bilateral Aid on Carbon Dioxide Emissions*. Duck Family Graduate Workshop, Center for Environmental Politics. Seattle, WA: May 25
- 2014 *World Bank Energy, Mining and Petrochemical Lending and Carbon Dioxide Emissions 1990-2010: A Quantitative, Cross-National Analysis*. San Francisco, CA: Aug. 29.
- 2014 *Social Movements Ecology and Tactical Escalation*. Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD: Feb. 22.

## COURSES TAUGHT/ IN PREPARTION

Globalization and Social Change  
Environmental Sociology  
Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences

Advanced Quantitative Methods  
Senior Seminar

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- 2020-curr. University Sustainability Committee  
California State University, Bakersfield
- 2020-curr. Department Curriculum Committee  
Sociology Department, California State University, Bakersfield
- 2021 Hiring Committee  
Sociology Department, California State University, Bakersfield
- 2021 Executive Order 1100 Implementation Committee  
California State University, Bakersfield
- 2019 Hiring Committee  
Sociology Department, California State University, Bakersfield
- 2017-19 Teaching and Outreach Committee  
ASA Environment Sociology Section
- 2013-15 Chief Steward of Graduate Student Employee Union  
CWA Local 1104
- 2014 Bargaining Unit for Education Division  
CWA Local 1104
- 2013-14 Paper Selection Committee  
Stony Brook Graduate Student Ethnography Conference, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting:  
Stony Brook, NY, April 18, 2014.
- 2012-2013 Department Mobilizer for Sociology  
CWA Local 1104

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2021 Ethics Across the Curriculum Workshop. Kegley Institute of Ethics.
- 2021 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workshop. CSU, Bakersfield.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
Pacific Sociological Association  
California Sociological Association