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## Education

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- 2016 Ph.D., Colorado State University, Sociology  
2008 M.S., Virginia Tech, Sociology  
2005 B.A., Virginia Tech, Political Science; Minors: Sociology, Asian Area Studies

## Areas of Specialization

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Animal rights mobilization  
Animals and society  
Ecofeminism  
Social movements;  
Vegan Studies

## Current Academic Positions

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- 2019-Present Member, Research Advisory Committee, The Vegan Society  
2018-Present Lecturer, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent  
2018-Present Chair Elect, Animals & Society Section, American Sociological Association  
2017-Present Book Review Editor, *Society & Animals*  
2016-2018 Adviser, Gender Studies Club, Monmouth University  
2015-2018 Member, Gender Studies Executive Team, Monmouth University  
2015-2018 Lecturer, Department of Political Science and Sociology, Monmouth University

## Past Academic Positions

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- 2016-2018 Director, Gender Studies Program, Monmouth University  
2012-2016 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University  
2006-2008 Research Coordinator, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

## Research

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### Books

- Wrenn, C. L. 2020. *Piecemeal Protest: Animal Rights in the Age of Nonprofits*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.  
Wrenn, C. L. 2016. *A Rational Approach to Animal Rights: Extensions in Abolitionist Theory*. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.  
Wrenn, C. L. *Animals in Irish Society*. Under review.

## Book Chapters

- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "Toward a Vegan Feminist Theory of the State." Pp. 201-230, in *Animal Oppression and Capitalism*, edited by D. Nibert. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger Press.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2015. "Human Supremacy, Post-Speciesist Ideology, and the Case for Anti-Colonialist Veganism." Pp. 55-70, in *Animals in Human Society*, edited by D. L. Moorehead. Lanham, MD: University Press of America/Hamilton Books.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2015. "The Weight of Veganism." Pp. 164-165, in *The Vegan Studies Project: Food, Animals, and Gender in the Age of Terror*, edited by Laura Wright. Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press.

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Wrenn, C. L. and A. Lizardi. ~2019. "Older, Greener, and Wiser: Charting the Experiences of Older Women in the American Vegan Movement." *Journal of Women & Aging*. Accepted; in revision.
- Wrenn, C. L. ~2019. "The Land of Meat and Potatoes? Exploring Ireland's Vegan and Vegetarian Foodscape." *Encyclopedia for Cultural and Social Studies on Vegetarianism and Veganism*. Vienna, Austria: University of Vienna. Forthcoming.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Discriminating Spirits: Cultural Source Theory and the Human-Nonhuman Boundary." *Mortality*. Online first.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Atheism in the American Animal Rights Movement: An Invisible Majority." *Environmental Values*. Online first.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "From Seed to Fruition: A Political History of The Vegan Society, 1944-2017." *Food and Foodways* 27 (3): forthcoming.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "Free-Riders in the Non-Profit Industrial Complex: The Problem of Flexitarianism." *Society & Animals* 26 (4). Online first.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "College Student Literacy of Food Animal Slaughter in the United States." *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food* 24 (2): 215-228.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "How to Help When It Hurts? Think Systemic." *Animal Studies Journal* 7 (1): 149-179.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "Pussy Grabs Back: Bestialized Sexual Politics and Intersectional Failure in Protest Posters for the 2017 Women's March." *Feminist Media Studies*. Online first.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "Trump Veganism: A Political Survey of American Vegans in the Era of Identity Politics." *Societies* 7 (2): 32.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "Skeptics and the 'White Stuff': Promotion of Cows' Milk and Other Nonhuman Animal Products in the Skeptic Community as Normative Whiteness." *Relations: Beyond Anthropocentrism* 5 (1): 72-81.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "Fat Vegan Politics: A Survey of Fat Vegan Activists' Online Experiences with Social Movement Sizeism." *Fat Studies* 6 (1): 90-102.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2016. "Social Movement Prostitution: A Case Study in Nonhuman Animal Rights Activism and Vegan Pimping." *Griffith Journal of Law & Human Dignity* 4 (2): 87-99.
- Wrenn, C. L. and M. Lutz. 2016. "White Women Wanted? An Analysis of Gender Diversity in Social Justice Magazines." *Societies* 6 (2): 1-18.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2016. "An Analysis of Diversity in Nonhuman Animal Rights Media." *Journal for Agricultural and Environmental Ethics* 29 (2): 143-165.
- Wrenn, C. L., J. Clark, M. Judge, K. Gilchrist, D. Woodlock, K. Dotson, R. Spanos, and J. Wrenn. 2015. "The Medicalization of Nonhuman Animal Rights: Frame Contestation and the Exploitation of Disability." *Disability & Society* 30 (9): 1307-1327.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2014. "Abolition Then and Now: Tactical Comparisons between the Human Rights Movement and the Modern Nonhuman Animal Rights Movement in the United States." *Journal of Agriculture & Environmental Ethics* 27 (2): 177-200.

- Wrenn, C. L. 2014. "Fifty Shades of Oppression: Unexamined Sexualized Violence against Women and Other Animals." *Relations: Beyond Anthropocentrism* 2 (1): 135-139.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "Nonhuman Animal Rights, Alternative Food Systems, and the Non-Profit Industrial Complex." *Phaenex: Journal of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture* 8 (2): 209-242.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "The Role of Professionalization Regarding Female Exploitation in the Nonhuman Animal Rights Movement." *Journal of Gender Studies* 24 (2): 131-146.
- Wrenn, C. L. and R. Johnson. 2013. "A Critique of Single-Issue Campaigning and the Importance of Comprehensive Abolitionist Vegan Advocacy." *Food, Culture & Society* 16 (4): 651-668.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "Resonance of Moral Shocks in Abolitionist Animal Rights Advocacy: Overcoming Contextual Constraints." *Society & Animals* 21 (4): 379-394.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2012. "Applying Social Movement Theory to Nonhuman Rights Mobilization and the Importance of Faction Hierarchies." *Peace Studies Journal* 5 (3): 27-44.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2012. "The Abolitionist Approach: Critical Comparisons and Challenges within the Animal Rights Movement." *Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements* 4 (2): 438-458.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2011. "Resisting the Globalization of Speciesism: Vegan Abolitionism as a Site for Consumer-Based Social Change." *Journal for Critical Animal Studies* 9(3): 9-27.

### Peer-Reviewed Book Reviews

- Wrenn, C. L. ~2019. "The Economic Toll of Animal Industry and the Meat Tax Strategy: A Review of *Meatonomics*." *Society & Animals*. Accepted; in press.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "For the Wild: Ritual and Commitment in Radical Eco-activism" *Social Movement Studies*. Online first.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Black Veganism and the Animality Politic: A Review of *Aphro-ism*." *Society & Animals* 27 (1) 127-131.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "Mobilizing Food: A Review of *Building Nature's Market*." *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development* 8 (3): 207-211.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "Book Review: Male Dominance and Expertise in the Remembering of Irish Women's Lives." *Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture, & Social Justice* 38 (2): 232-234.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "The New Sociology of Species and Media, a Review." *Media, Culture and Society* 40 (2): 307-310.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "Review. Breeze Harper. 2014. *Scars: A Black Lesbian Experience in Rural White New England*. Sense Publishers." *Feminist Spaces* 3 (1): 124-126.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2016. "Review of *Our Children and Other Animals*." *Between the Species* 19 (1): 2010-2014.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2015. "Review of *Animal Oppression & Human Violence: Domesecration, Capitalism, and Global Conflict*." *Between the Species* 18 (1): 112-115.

### Theses

- Wrenn, C. L. 2016. *Professionalization, Factionalism, and Social Movement Success: A Case Study on Nonhuman Animal Rights Mobilization* (Doctoral dissertation). Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2008. *Powerlessness and Pollution in Alleghany County, Virginia: A Historical Analysis of Paternalism and Economic Coercion in Appalachia and its Relationship with Environmental Degradation* (Master's thesis). Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA.

### Working Books

- Wrenn, C. L. *Justice Dammed: Power, Pollution, and Protest in the Blue Ridge*.

## Working Papers

- Wrenn, C. L. "Building a Vegan Feminist Network in the Professionalized Digital Age of Third Wave Animal Activism."
- Wrenn, C. L. "Animal Anxieties: Vegan Discourse in Making and Unmaking of Postcolonial Ireland."

## Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. Concluding remarks. *Animals, Ecology & Society*. New York, NY. August 9.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Building a Vegan Feminist Network in the Professionalized Digital Age of Third Wave Animal Activism." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. New York, NY. August 12.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Civilizing Horses and Travellers in Post-Colonial Ireland." *Australasian Animal Studies Conference*. Christchurch, New Zealand. July 2.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Big Animal Rights and the Nonprofit Revolution." *European Association for Critical Animal Studies*. Barcelona, Spain. May 24.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Resisting Rape Culture in the Animal Rights Movement." *Kent Vegan Festival*. Canterbury, UK. May 4.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Animal Spirits and their Gendered Earthly Remains: Summoning Masculinity and Femininity Norms in the Human-Nonhuman Relations of Ghost Stories." *Animal Remains*. Sheffield, UK. April 29.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "Discriminating Spirits: Animals in Ghost Stories and the Human-Nonhuman Boundary." *Animals and Us: Research, Policy, and Practice*. Windsor, ON. October 13.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "Atheism in the American Animal Rights Movement: An Invisible Majority." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA. August 12. Accepted and archived.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "The Land of Meat and Potatoes? Animal Agriculture and Veganism in the Irish Discourse." *Thinking about Animals*. St. Catharines, ON. March 2.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "A Vegan Feminist Theory of the State." *Thinking about Animals*. St. Catharines, ON. March 1.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "Animal Protection as a Social Movement." for the Anthrozoology Masters program at Canisius College. Buffalo, NY. November 30.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2016. "Fat Vegan Politics: The Hyper-Visibility and Invisibility of Vegans of Size in Online Activist Spaces." *Gender, Bodies & Technology*. Roanoke, VA. April 22.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2014. "Demographic Representations in Nonhuman Animal Rights Magazines and the Implications for Mobilization Efforts and Diversity." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA. August 17.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2014. "Understanding Oppression: An Intersectional Approach." *Our Collective Struggle: Human and Nonhuman Animals*. January 17. London, ON: Western Ontario Vegan Society and University Students' Council.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2012. "Resonance of Moral Shocks in Abolitionist Animal Rights Advocacy: Overcoming Contextual Constraints." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO. August 20.

## Other Publications

- Wrenn, C. L. 2019. "Pets: Is It Ethical to Keep Them?" *The Conversation*, April 25.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "Trump Veganism? Research Finds a Highly Intersectional American Vegan Movement." *Newsletter of the Section on Animals and Society, American Sociological Association* Spring: 3.

- Wrenn, C. L. 2018. "Can't We All Just Get Along? Factionalism in Animal Rights" *Critical Mass: Newsletter of the Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association* 42 (2): 4-6.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2017. "The Nonhuman Disney Princesses." *Sex & Gender News: Newsletter of the Section on Sex & Gender, American Sociological Association* Fall (November): 9-10.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2016. "Unpacking Privilege in Vegan Education Efforts." *The Vegan Society Blog*, April 8.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2015. "Status Contamination: Women, Nonhuman Animals, and Intersectional Liberation." *T.O.F.U. Magazine* 8: 48-53.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2014. "The Sexual Politics of Veganism." *Sociological Images*, May 8; *Pacific Standard*, May 13.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2014. "Getting Your Foot in the Door: The Social Psychology of Donating, Cutting Back, and Going Vegan." *Chickpea Magazine* 11: 76-77.
- Wrenn, C. 2014. "Ecofeminism and Atheism: Challenging Restrictive Spirituality." *Project Intersect* 1: 40-42.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. *Theory of Change*. Glendale, CA: Vegfund.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "The Motivation for No-Kill Shelters." *The Roanoke Times*, December 19.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "Gender Policing the Vegan Woman." *The Feminist Wire*, June 18.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "The Sociological Perspective on Other Animals." *Everyday Sociology Blog*, June 20.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "Suffragette Cats Are the Original Cat Ladies." *Jezebel*, December 6.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "Woman-As-Cat in Anti-Suffrage Propaganda." *Sociological Images*, December 3.
- Wrenn, C. L. 2013. "The Original Cat Ladies." *Pacific Standard*, December 11.
- Nibert, D., C. L. Wrenn, and C. Glasser. 2012. "Animal Exploration." *American Sociological Association Footnotes* 40 (5): 14.
- Lueck, M., P. Unnithan, and L. Peek. In collaboration with J. Fagan, K. Hoffer, C. Kershner, K. Koczynski, D. J. Rogers, C. L. Wrenn, and R. Young. 2009. *Church of the Brethren Children's Disaster Services: An Evolution Report*. Fort Collins, CO: Department of Sociology, Colorado State University.

## Peer Reviews

- Flynn, C. 2017. "A Rational Approach to Animal Rights: Extensions in Abolitionist Theory by Corey Lee Wrenn." *Journal of Animal Ethics* 7 (2): 227-229.
- Greenebaum, J. 2017. "Review: A Rational Approach to Animal Rights: Extensions in Abolitionist Theory." *Contemporary Sociology* 46 (2): 240-241.
- Massaro, A. 2017. "The Risk of Factionalism among People Caring for Animals." *Relations. Beyond Anthropocentrism* 6 (2): 187-189.

## Teaching

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### Courses Taught

University of Kent

Environmental Politics

Monmouth University

Independent Study

Introduction to Gender Studies

Introduction to Sociology

Social Problems

Social Movements in Ireland

Sociology Thesis Proposal

## Sociology Thesis

Colorado State University  
Animals & Society  
Gender Roles  
Introduction to Sociology  
Sociology of Deviance

Dabney S. Lancaster Community College  
Gender  
Social Problems  
Social Psychology

Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design  
Introduction to Sociology  
Social Psychology

## **Courses Assisted**

Colorado State University  
Introduction to Sociology  
Research Methods  
Social Stratification  
Social Problems  
Sociology of Deviance

## **Training**

2019 UKC General Data Protection Regulation Training  
2019 UKC Athena Swan Unconscious Bias Training  
2019 UKC Enterprise and Impact Training Day  
2019 UKC What is 'Open Research', and Why Should I Care?  
2019 UKC Supporting Student Attendance  
2019 UKC Good Supervision Workshop  
2019 UKC Tracking Research Seminar  
2019 UKC Costing a Research Proposal  
2019 UKC Essential Elements of Grant-Writing Workshop  
2018 MU School of Humanities and Sciences: Safe Zone Training  
2018 MU CETL Promoting Learner Self-Direction  
2018 MU CETL Transformative Learning Series: Impact  
2018 MU Dept. of History and Anthropology: Ideas to Engage the Unengaged  
2017 MU Office of Student Activities Student Club Adviser Training  
2017 MU CETL Transformative Learning Series: What is Transformative Learning  
2017 Advising @ Monmouth: First Year, Upper Level, and Special Populations  
2017 MU CETL Transformative Learning Series: Intellectual Rigor  
2017 MU CETL Academic Transition & First Generation Students  
2017 MU CETL Transformative Learning Series: Immersion  
2017 MU CETL How Learning Works Collaborative Book Study: Tapping Learner Motivation  
2016 CSU TILT Best Practices: Building a Learning Community in an Online Course  
2016 MU Publishing Seminar #1: Big Issues in Scholarly Publishing and Why They Matter  
2016 MU Publishing Seminar #2: Creating a Strategy for Effective Publishing

2016	MU CETL Best Practices for Online and Hybrid Courses
2016	MU CETL Polling in the Classroom
2015	MU CETL Academic Support for Student-Athletes
2015	MU CETL Online Grading in e-Campus Workshop
2015	MU CETL Critical Thinking II Lunch and Learn
2015	MU CETL Tech Tutorial on Smartboard Technology
2015	MU Instructional Support e-Campus Quiz Tool Webinar
2015	MU School of Education “Beyond Diversity” with Tim Wise
2015	MU CSS Transformative Advising Workshop
2015	MU OGC Grant Workshop, three sessions
2015	CSU TILT Best Practices for Online Course Design
2012	CSU TILT Graduate Teaching Certificate
2012	CSU At-Risk for University & College Faculty
2011	RMCAD Online Faculty Certification
2008	CSU Graduate Teaching Pathways Integration

## Service

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### Editorial Activities and Manuscript Refereeing

2018-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Windsor Review of Social and Legal Issues</i>
2018-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Journal of Sociology</i>
2017-Present	Invited Referee, University of Nevada Press
2017-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Social Movement Studies</i>
2017-Present	Book Review Editor, <i>Society &amp; Animals</i>
2017-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Media International Australia</i>
2016-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Atlantic Journal of Communication</i>
2016-Present	Invited Referee <i>Between the Species</i>
2016-Present	Invited Referee <i>Animal Studies Journal</i>
2016-Present	Invited Referee, <i>American Political Thought</i>
2014-Present	Founder and Administrator, <i>ASA Section on Animals and Society Blog</i>
2014-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Societies</i>
2013-Present	Invited Referee, Routledge
2013-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Journal for Agricultural &amp; Environmental Ethics</i>
2012-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Society &amp; Animals</i>
2011-Present	Invited Referee, <i>Agriculture, Food &amp; Human Values</i>

### Professional Activities

2019-Present	Member, Research Advisory Committee, The Vegan Society
2018-2019	Committee for Animals, Ecology, and Society Conference at New York University
2018-Present	Chair Elect, American Sociological Association Animals & Society Section
2017-Present	Webmaster, American Sociological Association Animals & Society Section
2016-2017	Radio co-host, <i>Soc Dish</i> , Monmouth University
2016	Member of American Sociological Association Animals & Society Section Awards Committee for Award for Distinguished Scholarship
2016-2017	Monmouth University Liaison, New Jersey Women’s and Gender Studies Consortium
2015-Present	Advisory Board Member, International Network for Cultural and Social Studies on Vegetarianism and Veganism, University of Vienna
2013-2016	Council Member, American Sociological Association, Animals & Society Section

2008-2009 Graduate Student Organization President, Sociology Department, Colorado State University

## Organizational Affiliations

2019-Present British Sociological Association (BSA)  
2017-2018 Adviser to the Monmouth University Gender Studies Club  
2015-2017 New Jersey Women's and Gender Studies Consortium  
2011-Present American Sociological Association (ASA)  
2011-Present Animals and Society Section of the ASA  
2015-Present Collective Action & Social Movements Section of the ASA  
2017-Present Environmental Sociology Section of the ASA  
2015-2018 Sex & Gender Section of the ASA

## Community and Volunteer Work

2013-Present Founder of Vegan Feminist Network  
2013 Intern for Vegfund  
2008-2010 Founder and Graduate Adviser to Colorado State University Coalition for Animal Advocacy, Fort Collins, CO  
2006-2008 President of the New River Valley Coalition for Animal Rights and Environment at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA  
2005 Volunteer with TAP (Total Action against Poverty), Roanoke, VA  
2003 Volunteer with the Virginia Tech English Language Institute, Blacksburg, VA

## Recognition

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### Awards

2016 Graduate Student Research Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University  
2016 Exemplary Diversity Scholar, University of Michigan National Center for Institutional Diversity  
2016 Humane Society of the United States, Shin Pond Summer Retreat Sabbatical Recipient  
2014 Humane Society of the United States, Shin Pond Summer Retreat Sabbatical Recipient

### Grants

2019 University of Kent, University Output Enhancement Scheme, £1,200  
2016 Monmouth University, Creative Research Grant \$950  
2015 The Pollination Project, \$600  
2013 VegFund Merit Award, \$200