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## EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy, Geography**, University of California, Davis. September 2012. Advisor: Dr. Ryan E. Galt. Dissertation: “Changing Landscapes, Shifting Values: A Political Ecology of the Rural-Urban Interface.”
- **Master of Science, Community Development**, University of California, Davis. September 2007. Thesis: “The Rural Visioning Project: Understanding Participation and Capacity Building.”
- **Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Studies and Political Science, International Studies minor**, Sonoma State University, May 2003. Graduated *Cum Laude* and *With Distinction* in Political Science.
  - Studied abroad with CSU International Programs, International Relations in Europe, 8/00-6/01, *Denmark’s International Study Program* (DIS), Copenhagen, Denmark.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- **Assistant Professor (Geography)**, Texas State University, 08/13-current
- **Lecturer (Human Ecology)**, University of California, Davis, 06/13-08/13
- **Adjunct Assistant Professor (Geography)**, Sacramento City College, 08/12-05/13
- **Lecturer (Human & Community Development)**, University of California, Davis, 06/12-09/12
- **Graduate Student Researcher and Teaching Assistant (various)**, University of California, Davis, 09/05-06/12
- **Peace Corps Volunteer, Community-Based Natural Resource Management**, Peace Corps, Tanzania, 2003-2005.
- **Americorps Volunteer, Project Scholars and Cool School programs**, Americorps, Santa Rosa, California, 1998-2000.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Works in print & in press

- McKinnon, I. P. Hurley, **C. Myles**, M. Maccarroni, and T. Filan. (forthcoming) Uneven urban metabolisms: Toward an integrative (ex)urban political ecology of sustainability in and around the city. Invited contribution to special issue of *Urban Geography* titled “Urban Geography Perspectives on Sustainability.”
- Senese, D., F. Randelli, J. Hull, and **C.C. Myles**. 2017. “Drinking in the good life: Tourism mobilities and the slow movement in wine country” in Clancy, M. (ed) *Slow Tourism, Food and Cities: Pace and the Search for the ‘Good Life.’* New York, NY: Routledge.
- **Myles, C. C.** & J. Breen. 2017. (Micro)movements and microbrew: On craft beer, tourism trails, and material transformation(s) in the city. In *Beers, Ciders and Spirits: Craft Beverages and Tourism in the U.S.*, eds. C. Kline, S. L. Slocum & C. Cavaliere. New York, NY: Palgrave.
- **Hiner, C. C.** (2016) Beyond the edge and in between: (Re)conceptualizing the rural-urban interface as meaning-model-metaphor. *Professional Geographer*, 68, 520-531.
- McKinnon, I. & **C. Hiner** (2016) Does the region still have relevance?: (Re)considering "regional" political ecology. *Journal of Political Ecology*, 23, 115-122.

- **Hiner, C. C.** (2016) “Chicken wars”, water fights, and other contested ecologies along the rural-urban interface in California’s Sierra Nevada foothills *Journal of Political Ecology*, 23, 167-181.
- Holtkamp, C., T. Shelton, G. Daly, C. C. **Hiner** & R. Hagelman (2016) Assessing Neolocalism in Microbreweries. *Papers in Applied Geography*, 2, 66-78.
- **Hiner, C. C.** 2016. Divergent perspectives and contested ecologies: Challenges in environmental management along the rural-urban interface. In *A Comparative Political Ecology of Exurbia: Planning, Environmental Management, and Landscape Change*, eds. L. Taylor & P. T. Hurley, 51-82. Verlag: Springer.
- Hagelman, R., Mast, G., and C. **Hiner** (2016) “Where are the garden(er)s? Examining gardener motivations and community garden participation-sheds in Austin, Texas.” in Gatrell, J., R. Jensen, M. Patterson & N. Hoalst-Pullen (eds). *Urban Sustainability: Praxis and Place*. Heidelberg: Springer.
- Rogers, C. M. & C. **Hiner** (2016) Siting Urban Agriculture as a Green Infrastructure Strategy for Land Use Planning in Austin, TX. *Challenges in Sustainability*, 4.
- **Hiner, C.** (2015) (False) Dichotomies, political ideologies, and preferences for environmental management along the rural-urban interface in Calaveras County, California. *Journal of Applied Geography*, 65, 13-27.
- **Hiner, C.** (2014) “Been-heres vs. come-heres” and other identities and ideologies along the rural–urban interface: A comparative case study in Calaveras County, California. *Land Use Policy*, 41, 70-83.
- **Hiner, C.**, C. Townsend & B. Lavy (2014) Harm J. de Blij’s 1983 Wine: A Geographic Appreciation. *Progress in Physical Geography*, 38, 674-684.
- Galt, R., L. O’Sullivan, J. Beckett, and C. **Hiner**. (2012) Community Supported Agriculture is thriving in the Central Valley. *California Agriculture*. 66 (1), pp. 8-14.
- **Hiner, C.** & R. Galt (2011) Participation and capacity building in community visioning: NIMBYism and the politics of the rural-urban interface in Elk Grove, California. *Journal of Rural and Community Development*. 6 (2), 104-123.
- Nelson, A., C. **Hiner** & M. Rios (2009) Book review of *Participatory Action Research Approaches and Methods: Connecting people, participation and place*. 2007. Kindon, Pain and Kesby (eds.). “Connecting people, participation and place via action research: why? how?” *Area*, 41, 364-367.

Works in revision, review, and active preparation

- **Myles, C.** (in preparation) “Low gravity on the rise: A sociocultural examination of no/low-alcohol, ‘session’, and ‘near beer’ across the globe. For Hoalst-Pullen, N. and M. Patterson (eds) *Geography of Beer, Part II*, Springer.
- Nox, R. and C. **Myles**. (in revision) “Wildfire mitigation behavior on single family residential properties near Balcones Canyonlands Preserve wildlands in Austin, Texas.” *Applied Geography*.
- Holtkamp, C. and C. **Myles**. (in review) “Urban villages and the pursuit of identity, the urban experience, and the privatization of public spaces in Austin, Texas.” *Journal of Urbanism*
- Filan, T. and C. **Myles**. (in review) “Boom and bust”: (Hi)stories of landscape production and consumption in the Sierra Nevada foothills of California. In preparation for *Polymath*.
- **Myles, C.** and T. Filan. (in review) “Making (a) place: Wine and the production and consumption of landscape in the Sierra Nevada Foothills.” In preparation for *Regional Studies, Regional Science*.
- **Myles, C.** (editor) (in preparation) *Fermented landscapes: How processes of fermentation are transforming physical and sociocultural environments around the world*. University of Nebraska Press.

- **Myles, C.** and W. Furness. (in preparation) “Apples and actor-networks: Considering apples as actors in English cider”. In *Fermented landscapes: How processes of fermentation are transforming physical and sociocultural environments around the world*, ed. C. Myles. University of Nebraska Press.
- **Myles, C.**, I. McKinnon, J. Breen. (in preparation) “‘Local’ food and bridging values and place along the rural-urban interface”. In preparation for *Journal of Rural Studies*.
- **Myles, C.** and M. Finewood. (eds) (in preparation) *Methods and fieldwork in Political Ecology: Notes from the field, reflections for the future*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- **Myles, C.**, D. Senese, and C. de Renzis Sonnino (in preparation) “Food systems, sustainability, and experiential educational tourism in Tuscany, Italy: Interrogating rural/urban metabolisms on the edge.” *Pedagogy journal* or “wine and vine” book, TBD.

#### TEACHING & MENTORING

- Undergraduate and graduate **teaching**, including courses such as:
  - Geography of Food and Agriculture; Geographic Analysis; Research Design; Managing Urbanization; Cultural (and Political) Ecology; Land Management; Environmental Management; Environmental Politics and Policy; Social Inequality; Rural Change in the Industrialized World.
- **Advising** PhD, Masters, and Undergraduate (Honors thesis) students on topics including:
  - urban agriculture, wildfire along the wildland-urban interface, intentional communities and sustainability, and various elements of fermented landscapes, including wine, beer, and cider geographies.

#### SERVICE (SELECTED)

- **Academic Program Director**, study abroad in central Italy on topics of “Geography of food and agriculture” and “Rural sustainability”, Texas State University (Summer 2016, proposed for Summer 2018).
- Extensive service on committees within the university, the community, and professional organizations, including:
  - **Vice-president**, Wine, Beer, Spirits Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 2016-2018
  - **Member**, Enhancing Diversity Committee, Association of American Geographers, 2015-2018.
  - **Regional Director**, Rural Geography Specialty Group, Association of American Geographers, 2011-2017.
  - **Fundraiser**, Back on My Feet, Austin, TX. Local chapter (volunteer) fundraiser for a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping people help themselves out of homelessness through running.
  - **Member**, Chancellor’s Graduate and Professional Advisory Board, University of California, Davis, 2009-2012.
- **Organizer** for numerous panels, sessions, and field trips at professional conferences.

#### AWARDS & HONORS

- **Mobility Partner**, funded residency at the University of Rennes-2, supported by ERASMUS+ grant supporting bilateral partnership between Texas State University and University of Rennes-2 departments of Geography, June 2017.

- **Finalist**, J. Warren Nystrom Award (2014), Association of American Geographers, for “Beyond the edge and in between: (Re)conceptualizing the rural-urban interface as *meaning-model-metaphor*.”
- **Second Place, Tom McKnight Graduate Student Paper Award** from the California Geographical Society, April 2012, for “Re-conceptualizing the rural-urban interface: ‘Meaning, model and metaphor’ and the polarization of ideals and preferences for rural space.”
- **Provost’s Prize for Best Student Organized Session**, for organizing and presenting “Legacies and Opportunities: Land Use Change in the Sierra Nevada,” a collaborative, cross-disciplinary session at the Interdisciplinary Graduate and Professional Student Symposium, University of California, Davis, April 21-23, 2011.
- **Winner** of the 2011 Association of American Geographers (AAG) **Rural Geography Specialty Group Rural American West Paper Award** for “‘Defining Moments’ and Negotiating Difference: Land Use along the Rural-Urban Interface in Calaveras County, California.”
- **First Place** in the **Rural Geography Specialty Group Paper Competition** of the Association of American Geographers, April 2008, for “The Rural Visioning Project: Understanding Participation and Capacity Building,” an article-length manuscript based on my thesis research.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS (SELECTED)

- **Study Abroad Development Grant**, Study Abroad Office, Texas State University, 2015.
- **Research Enhancement Program (REP) grant**, University Research Committee, Texas State University, 2013.
- **Professor for the Future Fellowship**, University of California, Davis, 2010-2011.
- **Graduate Student Research Travel Grant**, University of California (UC) California Studies Consortium (CSC), 2009-2010.
- **Ethel O. Gardner P.E.O. Scholarship**, P.E.O. International Women’s Organization, 2008-2009.
- **Graduate Travel Grants** (various), University of California, Davis, 2005-2008.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Multicultural Curriculum Transformation and Research Institute**, May 2017, Center for Diversity and Gender Studies, Texas State University.
- **LGBTQIA Ally** and **supporter of Student Veterans**, trainings completed at Texas State University with the Office of Student Diversity and Inclusion in Fall 2015, Spring, 2016, and Spring 2017.
- **Workshop for early career faculty**, June 2014, Graduate and Faculty Development Alliance, University of Connecticut, Storrs.
- **Program for Excellence in Teaching and Learning**, 2013-2014, from the office of Academic Development and Assessment, Texas State University.
- **Seminar on College Teaching**, Fall 2010, from the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, University of California, Davis.