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Appointments

Yale University, Professor of Sociology, 2021-present
School of the Environment
School of Management (secondary)
Department of Sociology (secondary)
Faculty Fellow, Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies

Yale University, Associate Professor of Sociology, 2019-2021
School of the Environment
School of Management (secondary)
Department of Sociology (secondary)
Faculty Fellow, Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies

Yale University, Assistant Professor of Sociology, 2014-2019
School of the Environment
School of Management (secondary)
Department of Sociology (secondary)
Faculty Fellow, Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies

Education

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Notre Dame, 2014
M.A., Sociology, University of Notre Dame, 2010
M.Div., Sociology of Religion, Princeton Seminary, 2009
B.A., Philosophy, Oklahoma Baptist University, 2006

Academic Books

Farrell, Justin. 2020. *Billionaire Wilderness: The Ultra-Wealthy and the Remaking of the American West*. Princeton University Press.

Farrell, Justin. 2015. *The Battle for Yellowstone: Morality and the Sacred Roots of Environmental Conflict*. Princeton University Press.

*Outstanding Book Award, Winner, American Sociological Association AMSS

*Outstanding Book Award, Honorable Mention, American Sociological Assoc., Environmental Sociology

*Outstanding Academic Title, Choice, American Library Association

**The Economist*: “most original political book of early 2015.”

Research Articles

(*graduate student co-authors)

Farrell, Justin, Paul Burow*, Kathryn McConnell*, Jude Bayham, Kyle Whyte, Gal Koss. 2021
“Effects of land dispossession and forced migration on Indigenous peoples in North America”
Science 374(6567).

- Mueller, J. T., McConnell, K.*, Burow, P. B.*, Pofahl, K.*, Merdjanoff, A. A., Farrell, J. 2021. Impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on rural America. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 118(1).
- Burow, Paul*, Kathryn McConnell*, and Justin Farrell. 2019. "Social Scientific Research on the American West: Current Debates, Novel Methods, and New Directions" *Environmental Research Letters* 14(12).
- Farrell, Justin, Kathryn McConnell*, Robert Brulle. 2019. "Evidence-based Strategies to Combat Scientific Misinformation" *Nature Climate Change* 9:191-195.
- Farrell, Justin. 2019. "The Growth of Climate Change Misinformation in U.S. Philanthropy: Evidence from Natural Language Processing" *Environmental Research Letters* 14(3).
- *Best Article Award, Winner (for all disciplines, all articles in 2019), Environmental Research Letters
- Farrell, Justin. 2016. "Corporate Funding and Ideological Polarization about Climate Change" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 113(1), 92-97.
- *Best Article Award, honorable mention, American Sociological Association SKAT
*Best Article Award, honorable mention, American Sociological Association CITAMS
- Farrell, Justin. 2016. "Network Structure and Influence of the Climate Change Counter-Movement" *Nature Climate Change* 6(4), 370-374.
- Farrell, Justin. 2015. "Echo Chambers and False Certainty." *Nature Climate Change* 5:719-720.
- McVeigh, Rory, David Cunningham, Justin Farrell. 2014. "Political Polarization as a Social Movement Outcome: 1960s Klan Activism and Its Enduring Impact on Political Realignment in Southern Counties, 1960-2000." *American Sociological Review* 79(6): 1144-1171.
- *Best Article Award, winner, American Sociological Assoc., Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- Farrell, Justin. 2014. "Moral Outpouring: Shock and Generosity in the Aftermath of the BP Oil Spill." *Social Problems* 61(3):482-506.
- *Marvin E. Olsen Paper Award, American Sociological Assoc. Environmental Sociology
- Farrell, Justin. 2013. "Environmental Activism and Moral Schemas: Cultural Components of Differential Participation." *Environment and Behavior* 45(3): 399-423.
- Farrell, Justin. 2011. "The Young and the Restless? The Liberalization of Young Evangelicals." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50: 517-532.
- Farrell, Justin. 2011. "The Divine Online: Civic Organizing, Identity Building, and Internet Fluency among Different Religious Groups." *Journal of Media and Religion* 10(2):73-90.

Book in Progress

- Farrell, Justin. Expected late 2021. *Energy Disruption and Rural America*. (NSF CAREER project)

Under Review

- McConnell, Kathryn.*, Alexis Merdjanoff, Paul Burow*, Tom Mueller, Justin Farrell. "Rural Safety Net Use During the Covid-19 Pandemic" Under review at *Social Problems*

Grants and Fellowships

- \$178,698, PI, National Science Foundation, RAPID award, “Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic on Rural Attitudes about Federal Aid and Recovery.” NSF Sociology Program, 2020-2021
- \$417,029, PI, National Science Foundation, CAREER award, “The Effect of Energy Transition on Rural America: Innovative Methods to Study Cultural, Technological, and Economic Change.” (Early Career Development award), NSF Sociology Program, 2018-2023
- \$75,000, Leitner Award for Uncommon Environmental Collaborations, for project: “Measuring Heat Stress of Urban Residents with Smart Thermometers on Bicycles” with Xuhui Lee, Roman Kuc, Zhong Shao
- \$98,471, PI, “The Social Organization of Transformative Experiences: An Ethnographic and Computational Approach.” from The Experience Project-Sociology, ND and UNC-Chapel Hill, 2015-2017
- \$126,000, PI, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) STAR Graduate Fellowship, 2012-2014
- \$19,000, PI, The Louisville Institute Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2012-2013
- \$18,500, PI, National Science Foundation, GLOBES, IGERT Fellowship, 2011-2012
- \$9,250, PI, Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for Aquatic Conservation, Spring 2012
- \$2,900, Student Research Award for Dissertation Data Collection, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2011
- \$3,000, Constant H. Jacquet Research Award, for dissertation data collection, awarded by the Religious Research Association, 2011
- \$1,000, Graduate Student Research Award, for dissertation data collection, awarded by the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, 2011
- \$2,946, Dissertation Data Collection Grant, awarded by the Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame, 2011
- \$10,000, Research Fellow, The Changing Spirituality of Emerging Adults Project, awarded by the Lilly Endowment, 2009-2010
- \$3,000, Master’s Thesis Fellowship, for most outstanding thesis in Religion and Society, 2009-2010
- Academic Teaching Program Fellowship, 2007-2008.

Awards and Distinctions

- Outstanding Book Award, Honorable Mention, (American Sociological Association, Environmental Sociology), 2018
- Best Article Award, Honorable Mention, (American Sociological Association CITAMS), 2017
- Best Article Award, Honorable Mention, (American Sociological Association SKAT), 2017
- Outstanding Book Award, Winner, (American Sociological Association AMSS), 2016
- Winner, Award for Most Outstanding Published Article, American Sociological Association Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, (with Rory McVeigh and David Cunningham), 2015
- Outstanding Academic Book for 2015, *Choice*, American Library Association

Eli J. and Helen Shaheen Award, Top Graduating Student in the Graduate School, Social Sciences. Highest Honor Awarded for the Graduate School, 2014

John J. Kane Memorial Award for Most Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Notre Dame, Department of Sociology, 2013

William V. D'Antonio Award for Top Graduate Student in Sociology of Religion, University of Notre Dame, Department of Sociology, 2013

Winner, American Sociological Association Environment and Technology Section Marvin E. Olsen Award for Environmental Sociology, 2012

Winner, Jeanine A. Becker Memorial Award for the most outstanding graduate student paper, University of Notre Dame, 2012

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Honorable Mention, National Graduate Student Paper Competition Association for the Sociology of Religion, 2011

Henry James Sr. Prize (Princeton Inquiring Spirit and Cultural Awareness), 2008

Winner, Most Outstanding Master's Thesis, Princeton Religion and Society, 2009

Outstanding Senior Award: Top Philosophy Student, 2006

Public Engagement from Research

Ongoing work with U.S. Senators on the issue of climate change

Published public-facing articles based on my research for *The New York Times* (2020), Dow Jones & Company's *MarketWatch* (2020), and *The Financial Times* (2015).

2016 *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* article Altmetric score = 468 (more public/media attention than 99 percent of articles of similar age, and top 5% of all research outputs ever scored by Altmetric).

2016 *Nature Climate Change* article Altmetric score = 402 (more public/media attention than 99 percent of articles of similar age in all journals).

Interviews with, or research featured in, The New York Times, The Economist; Washington Post; National Public Radio, Los Angeles Times, Financial Times; New York Review of Books; Forbes; HBO; Christian Science Monitor; The Guardian; WIRED; High Country News; The Huffington Post; Yahoo! News; Slate; New-Statesman. *A selected handful of other outlets:* Politico Magazine; Mother Jones; MSN; Spektrum; Diário de Notícias; PhysOrg; Otago Daily Times; DeSmogBlog; Digital Journal; Eco-Business; Reason; Sierra Club Magazine; Inside Energy; Inside Climate News; Energy Collective; Climate News Network; Skeptical Science; ThinkProgress; Forskning.no; Hamilton Spectator; Pacific Standard; Daily Kos; NeuroLogica; Ecologist

Selected Invited Talks

The Vatican, Lead organizer for conference, "Truth and Post-Truth in Communications, Media and Society," Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, September 2021

United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, "COVID-19 and poverty in rural areas: the experience of the United States," May 2021

Stanford University, “Covid-19 and the Rural U.S. West,” February 2021

Stanford University, “Wealth, Environment, and the West” Bill Lane Center for the West, May 2020

Invited Witness Testimony, U.S. Senate Hearing on “Dark Money and Climate Change.” October 2019

Harvard University, “Climate Change and Sociology,” October 2019

Stanford University, “Understanding Culture Clash,” Rural West Initiative Conference, April 2019

Brown University, “America’s Climate Change Future: Housing Markets, Stranded Assets, and Entrenched Interests,” February 2019

University of Virginia, College of Arts and Sciences, November 2018

The New School, “Integrating Data Science with Qualitative Research,” Integrative PhD Program in Data Science, Graphic Design, and Digital Media, December 2018

Boston College, Department of Sociology, September 2018

Cornell University, Department of Sociology and College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, March 2018

The Vatican, Pontifical Academy of Sciences meeting observer “Health of People and Planet: Our Responsibility,” November 2017

University of Colorado - Boulder, “Climate Change Politics and Machine Learning,” March 2016

Princeton University, at Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, November 2015

PoliInformatics multidisciplinary panel presentation (climate change politics): “New data, new methods, new insights.” Seattle, 2014.

Northwestern University (with Harvard University and London School of Economics), Participant in *New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data Conference*, 2014

Colorado State University, Department of Sociology, Sociology in Progress Series speaker, and AKD Ceremony Keynote, 2014

London School of Economics (with Harvard University and Northwestern University), Participant in *New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data Conference*, London, England, 2013

Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, 2013

Creighton University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2012

Book Chapter in Edited Volume

Boykoff, Max and Justin Farrell. 2019. “Think Tank Networks and the Knowledge-Interest Nexus: The Case of Climate Change.” in *Climate Change Denial and Public Relations: Strategic communication and interest groups in climate inaction*. Eds. Núria Almiron and Jordi Xifra. Routledge Press.

Book Reviews

Farrell, Justin. 2014. *Review of Religion and Sustainability: Social Movements and the Politics of the Environment*, by Lucas F Johnston. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53(2):451-452.

Farrell, Justin. 2014. *Review of The Slums of Aspen: Immigrants vs. the Environment in America's Eden*, by Lisa Sun-Hee Park and David Naguib Pellow. *Mobilization* 18(4):499-500.

Farrell, Justin. 2011. *Review of The New Holy Wars: Economic Religion Versus Environmental Religion in Contemporary America*, by Robert H. Nelson. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50:632-633.

Service to the Profession

National Science Foundation, Civic Review Panel, 2020

American Sociological Association, Award Committee, Science, Knowledge, & Technology, 2017-2018

American Sociological Association, Publications Committee Chair, Environment Sociology, 2014-2016

American Sociological Association, Award Committee, Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 2015-2016

Wyss Fellows Program Committee Member, 2016-2017

Fellow, Ezra Stiles College, Yale University 2014-present

Presider, "Global Environments" 2013 American Sociological Association section on Global and Transnational Sociology.

American Sociological Association, Webmaster, Collective Behavior and Social Movements, 2011-2013

Presider, "Religion and the Environment," 2011 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, AZ.

Organizer, "Religion and the Environment: Belief and Action in Context" 2011 Pacific Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.

Visiting Appointments

University of Colorado, Boulder

Faculty Affiliate, CIRES Center for Science and Technology Policy Research, 2017-present

Visiting Sabbatical Fellow, Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES) 2016-2017

Service to Yale and YSE

YSE Research Committee (2019-present)

Faculty Search Committee, Forests and Society, (2019-present)

Doctoral Admissions Committee (2019-present)

MESc Admissions Committee (2017-present)

E360 Advisory Committee (2019-present)

Faculty Search Committee - Target of Opportunity Hire (2017-2019)

Strategic Plan, Data Science Committee (2017-2018)

Strategic Plan, Climate Change Committee (2017-present)

External Review Committee (2017)

Ezra Stiles College Fellow (2014-present)

Wyss Scholar Fellowship Committee (2015-2016)

MESc Admissions Committee (2015-2016)

Several other ad-hoc committees

Selected Methods Training

Computational Social Science, Stanford University IRiSS, 2013

Analysis of Large Scale Networks, University of Michigan ICPSR, Jukka-Pekka Onnela (Harvard University),
2013