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Curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024-present **Assistant Professor of Sociology**, Creighton University, Department of Cultural and Social Studies

EDUCATION

2024 **Ph.D. in Sociology**, University of California, Davis, Department of Sociology
Advisor: Tom Beamish

Dissertation: *Hunger in Crisis: Food Bank Practices and the Social Safety Net*

2018 **M.A. in Sociology**, University of California, Davis, Department of Sociology

2016 **B.A. in College Scholars with Emphasis in Food Security from Sociopolitical and Chemical Perspectives**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Summa Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

[Revise & Resubmit] **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Nadia Smiecinska. “The Missing State in Solving World Hunger: National proposals to addressing world hunger at the 2015 World Expo.” at *Food, Culture & Society*.

2023 **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Catherine Brinkley. “Farm to Food Bank: Exploring the Ties between Local Food Producers and Charitable Food Assistance.” *Rural Sociology*, 88(3), 682-707.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ruso.12489>

2023 **Haynes Stein, Alana**. “Barriers to Access: The Unencumbered Client in Private Food Assistance.” *Social Currents*, 10(3), 207-224.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23294965221129572>

2018 Sánchez Barba, Mayra, Roy B. Taggweg Jr., and **S. Alana Haynes Stein**.*
“Public Scholarship in a Time of Crisis: A Reflection.” *Public: A Journal of Imagining America*, 5(1).

***The order of authors was randomly chosen.**

2016 **Stein, Alana**. “Power Play at the United Nations: The Effects of Added Stakeholders in the Committee on World Food Security.” *Pursuit - The Journal of Undergraduate Research at The University of Tennessee*, 7(1), 199-207. <http://trace.tennessee.edu/pursuit/vol7/iss1/22>

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter:

[Accepted]

Haynes Stein, Alana. “Food Assistance Justice: The Discourse and Practice of Food Justice in U.S. Food Banks.” *Nurturing Food Justice*, edited by A. H. Alkon and J. Agyeman, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Other Publications:

2022 De La Cruz Santana, Lizbeth and **Alana Haynes Stein**.* *Navigating the Joys and Challenges of Public Scholarship in Graduate School: An Imagining America Research Report*. Davis, CA: Imagining America and the Mellon Foundation. https://imaginingamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/grad_students_report.pdf

***Authors listed alphabetically.**

2019 **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Nadia Smiecinska. “The Politics of ‘Feeding the Planet.’” *Consume This! The Blog of the ASA’s Consumer and Consumption Section*
<https://asaconsumers.wordpress.com/2019/10/31/consume-this-the-politics-of-feeding-the-planet/>.

Manuscripts in Progress:

Haynes Stein, Alana. *Hunger in Crisis: Food Bank Practices and Their Impact on the Social Safety Net*.

Haynes Stein, Alana. “In the Room Where It Happens: Innovations and Outcomes from Food Banks’ Incorporation of People with Lived Experience in Decision-Making Roles.”

Haynes Stein, Alana. “What Problems are Food Banks Solving?: Exploring (Mis)Match in Food Bank Missions, Programs, and Metrics.”

Haynes Stein, Alana. “Donor Influence on Food Banks’ Political Approaches.”

Haynes Stein, Alana and Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana. “Through Sweat and Tears: Applying Theories of Work to Explore Graduate Student Experiences Doing Public Scholarship.”

Haynes Stein, Alana and Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana. “Racial Inequities in Graduate Students’ Experiences of Scholar Activism.”

GRANTS

2023	University of California, Davis, Graduate Student Association, Travel Award. (\$500)
2022	University of California, Davis, Sociology Graduate Program Travel Grant. (\$1,000)
2022	University of California, Davis, Sociology Small Research Grant. (\$1,000)
2022	University of California, Davis, Graduate Student Association, Travel Award. (\$300)
2019	University of California, Davis, Sociology Graduate Program Travel Grant. (\$750)
2018	University of California, Davis, Institute for Social Sciences 2018 Summer Research Award. (\$750)
2018	University of California, Davis, Center for Poverty Research Travel Grant. (\$500)
2018	University of California, Davis, Sociology Small Research Grant. (\$368)
2016	University of Tennessee College Scholars Program Laura Bowe Endowment Conference Travel Grant. (\$850)
2015	University of Tennessee Chancellor's Honors Program Research Grant. "Examining Social Justice and Food Security in the Expo 2015 'Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life.'" (\$2,500)
2015	University of Tennessee Office of National Scholarships and Fellowships Exploration Grant. "The Role of Indigenous Women in the Peruvian Food System." (\$1,900)
2015	University of Tennessee Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy. "Model Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Conference." (\$500)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2023-2024	Invited Member. Featured Cohort of Up-and-Coming Public Scholars. CRB Nexus: Where Policy Meets Research. California Research Bureau.
2023-2024	Graduate Student Research Assistantship, University of California, Davis.

2023	Graduate Program Fellowship, University of California, Davis.
2022	Graduate Program Fellowship, University of California, Davis.
2016-2023	Teaching Assistantship, University of California, Davis.
2021	Graduate Student Research Assistantship, University of California, Davis.
2020	Graduate Research Fellow. Imagining America’s Leading and Learning Initiative. Funded by Imagining America through the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Davis Humanities Institute. (\$7,500)
2019	Leon Mayhew Award for Best Qualifying Paper. Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis. (\$500)
2019	Graduate Student Research Assistantship, University of California, Davis.
2018	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention
2018	Graduate Student Research Assistantship, University of California, Davis.
2017	Mellon Public Scholars Fellowship. “Yolo Food Bank: Barriers to Access.” Davis Humanities Institute. (\$7,500)
2017	Summer Fellowship, University of California, Davis. (\$4,000)
2016	Outstanding Graduate in College Scholars, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2015-2016	Howard H. Baker Public Policy Scholar, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2014	Matrícula de Honor, Universidad de Málaga, Spain
2013	Charles W. Keenan Chemistry Excellence Award, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (\$500)
2012-2016	National Merit Scholarship
2012-2016	Ned McWherter Scholar, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2012-2016	Volunteer Scholarship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2012-2016	Provost Scholarship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2012-2016	Frederick T. Bonham Scholarship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2012-2016 Chancellor's Honors Program Scholarship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023-2024 Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Brett Milligan on the Community Engagement Team of "COEQWAL: Equitable Stewardship of California's Water in a Changing Climate" project co-funded by the State of California and University of California Office of Research and Innovation. This collaborative, multi-institution project aims to use community-based research to develop more equitable water allocation in response to California's changing climate.
- 2021 Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Erica Kohl-Arenas, Faculty Director of Imagining America and Faculty in American Studies at UC Davis. Fall 2021. Data coding and analysis of qualitative interviews on university leaders' approaches to culture change.
- 2020 Scholar in Asking Different Questions Scholars Program with the UC Davis Feminist Research Institute. Participated in a quarter-long program dedicated to conducting research grounded in a commitment to justice.
- 2020 Graduate Research Fellow with Imagining America examining graduate students' experiences with public scholarship. Conducted and analyzed in-depth interviews with graduate students.
- 2019 STRIDE program participant in an intensive incubator program with UC Davis Library's Data Management Program. Learned data management and geospatial data visualization in QGIS.
- 2019 Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Catherine Brinkley, Community and Regional Development, UC Davis, Winter 2019. Conducted semi-structured interviews of people who donate locally produced food to the food bank.
- 2018 Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Charlotte Biltekoff, American Studies & Food Science and Technology, UC Davis, Summer 2018. Compiled a database of news articles on transparency in the food system and conducted a literature review of ultra-processed foods.
- 2017 Food Bank, Mellon Public Scholar. Geospatial analysis of volunteers, qualitative interviews of the local homeless population, and participant observation of food distribution programs.

2015 Tennessee Technological University Service Center, Intern.
Conducted interviews researching children's summer hunger in rural Appalachia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of California Davis:

Sociology of the Environment (Summer 2023)

Introduction to Social Research (Spring 2023)

Social Stratification (Summer 2021)

Teaching Assistant, University of California Davis:

Sociology of the Environment (Fall 2018, Fall 2022)

Collective Behavior (Spring 2019, Spring 2022)

Social Policy (Spring 2021)

Complex Organizations (Winter 2021)

Industrialization and Social Change (Fall 2020)

Introduction to Social Research – General (Spring 2020)

Introduction to Social Research - Statistics (Fall 2017, Winter 2020)

Sociology of Work (Fall 2019)

Social Problems (Winter 2017, Spring 2018)

Data Visualization in the Social Sciences (Winter 2018)

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2017)

Global Social Change (Fall 2016)

Readerships, University of California Davis:

The Political Economy of International Migration (Summer 2019)

Corporations and Society (Summer 2018)

Mentorship:

2017-2023

Mentor to 26 undergraduate research assistants at the University of California, Davis

2017-2021 Mentor for the UC Davis Undergraduate Research Center Mentor-Mentee Program in Humanities, Arts, Cultural Studies and Social Sciences

Guest Lectures:

2022 The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Data Visualization Workshop

2021 Research Methods, Lecture on Mixed Methods Research

2019 Sociology of Work, Research Workshop on Qualitative Methods

2018 Introduction to Community and Regional Development, Lecture on Improving Food Access

Training and Professional Development:

2023 Designing Accessible Materials for your Course Workshop, UC Davis, Center for Educational Effectiveness

2020 Mentoring 101 Workshop, UC Davis, Undergraduate Research Center

2017 UndocuAlly Program for Educators, UC Davis, AB540 & Undocumented Student Center

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2023 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Food Assistance Justice: The Discourse and Practice of Food Justice in U.S. Food Banks.” Invited Panel Presentation at The Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society’s Annual Conference, Panel on Organizing for Food Justice: Scaling Up and Reaching Out. June 2, 2023. Boston, MA.

2023 **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana. “Navigating Graduate School as a Public Scholar While Building Supportive Structures and Culture.” Invited Presentation. Imagining America. Davis, CA, March 15, 2023.

2022 **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana. “Creating Institutional Change to Support Public Scholarship.” Invited Presentation for the Leadership Forum at the Imagining America National Gathering. October 15, 2022. New Orleans, LA.

2014 **Stein, Alana.** “Seed to Plate.” (Keynote Address) at *End Hunger*. Tennessee Technological University. Cookeville, TN.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Falling through Multiple Social Safety Nets: Concerns with Food Banks Mimicking Federal Food Assistance Programs.” Paper Presentation at the Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society’s Annual Conference. June 5-8, 2024. Syracuse, NY.
- 2024 Lohnes, Joshua, Kayleigh Garthwaite, Andy Fisher, Jan Poppendieck, **Alana Haynes Stein**, and Charlotte Spring. “Rights, Not Charity: Reflections on five years of organizing through the Global Solidarity Alliance for Food Health and Social Justice (GSA).” Roundtable at the Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society’s Annual Conference. June 5-8, 2024. Syracuse, NY.
- 2024 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “In the Room Where It Happens: U.S Food Banks’ Incorporation of People with Lived Experience with Hunger in Decision-Making Roles.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Session titled “Around the Table: The Global Perspective on Health and Well-being in Our Food-Driven World.” March 23, 2024. San Diego, CA.
- 2023 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Hunger for Change: Donor Influence on Food Banks’ Political Approaches.” Paper Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Session on Contemporary Issues in Food Justice & Organization. August 19, 2023. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “(Mis)Matched: Exploring Food Banks’ Responses to Hunger through Programs and Metrics.” Presentation at The Association for the Study of Food and Society and the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society’s Annual Conference. June 1, 2023. Boston, MA.
- 2023 **Haynes Stein, Alana, D. Romo, Gale Greenlee, and Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana.** “Paving the Way: Graduate Students Shifting Institutional Culture in Support of Scholar Activism.” Session Presider and Presenter at The Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. March 30, 2023. Myrtle Beach, SC.
- 2022 **Haynes Stein, Alana, Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana, Gale Greenlee, and D. Romo.** “Renew, Repair, Engage: Graduate School in Support of Public Scholarship.” Workshop at the Imagining America National Gathering. October 14, 2022. New Orleans, LA.

- 2022 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Models of Change in Food Banks: Traditional Charity, Personal Responsibility, and Systemic Change.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Roundtable. August 8, 2022. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 De La Cruz Santana, Lizbeth and **Alana Haynes Stein.** “Emotionality and Graduate Students’ Experiences with Public Scholarship.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Session on Belonging and Education. April 8, 2022. Sacramento, CA.
- 2022 **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana. “Navigating the Joys and Challenges of Public Scholarship in Graduate School.” Presented at Imagining America’s Leading and Learning Initiative Organizing Institute. March 17, 2022. [Online due to COVID-19.]
- 2022 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Food Assistance Justice: The Spatial Distribution of California’s Food Bank Resources.” Presented at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Cultivating Food Justice II: New Directions in Food Justice Research. February 28, 2022. New York, NY. [Moved online due to COVID-19.]
- 2021 **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana. “‘So You’re an Activist?’: How Graduate Public Scholars Navigate University Spaces.” Presented at the California Sociological Association Meeting. November 12, 2021. [Online due to COVID-19.]
- 2021 Roundtable presenter in “Advocacy, Assessment, Accessibility: The Affective Work of Graduate Engaged Scholarship.” Roundtable presentation at the Imagining America 2021 National Gathering – October 22, 2021. [Online due to COVID-19.]
- 2020 Panelists: Lizbeth De La Cruz Santana, Gale Greenlee, **Alana Haynes Stein**, and Romo. “Graduate Public Scholars at the Center: A Conversation on Culture Change.” Panel presentation at the Imagining America Collective Creative Engagement – Through Tumultuous Times, Reimagining and Rebuilding ‘America.’ October 26, 2020. [Online due to COVID-19.]
- 2020 **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Catherine Brinkley. “Farm to Food Bank: A Food Bank’s Network of Locally Produced Food.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Session on Food and Agriculture I: Food Security and Food Justice. August 8, 2020. San Francisco, CA. [Moved online due to COVID-19.]
- 2020 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Food Assistance Justice: The Spatial Prevalence of Food Banks in California.” American Association of Geographers Annual

Meeting in the New Directions in Food Justice Research 1: Poverty and Emergency Food. April 9, 2020. Denver, CO. [Paper session canceled due to COVID-19.]

- 2019 **Haynes Stein, Alana** and Nadia Smiecinska. “Examining Neoliberal and Nationalist Portrayals of Addressing Food Insecurity at the 2015 World Expo.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Session on Consumers and Consumption: The new politics of food consumption. August 11, 2019. New York, NY.
- 2019 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Intersecting Inequities in Food Assistance Programs.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Session on Food and Society: Food Institutions and Food Inequities. March 29, 2019. Oakland, CA.
- 2018 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Intersecting Identities: How Race, Gender, Housing Status, and Disability Status Affect Food Bank Access.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Regular Session on Food and Agriculture. August 11, 2018. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 **Stein, Alana** and Nadia Smiecinska. “The Neoliberalization of Solving World Hunger.” Presented at the *Eating for Change: Global and Local Perspectives on Food and Transformation Conference*, Jewish Studies Program and Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis. May 16, 2018. Davis, CA.
- 2016 **Stein, Alana.** “A Thematic Analysis of the 2015 World Expo: Perpetuating Food Insecurity or Promoting Social Justice?.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Session 28: The Continuing Significance of Poverty. April 14, 2016. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 **Stein, Alana.** “A Thematic Analysis of Social Justice and Food Security at the 2015 World Expo.” Presented at the Winter Meeting of the Sociologists for Women in Society, Roundtable on Gender and Social Movements. Memphis, TN.
- 2015 **Stein, Alana.** “The Actions of Developed Nations’ and International Institutions’ Policies on Food Security and Poverty in Developing Nations.” Presented at the Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium, Health and Gender Session. Murfreesboro, TN.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Historicizing Food Banks and the Academic Job Market.” Guest Speaker. Historicizing Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis. February 9, 2024. Davis, CA.
- 2023 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Hunger for Change: U.S. Food Banks’ Political Discourses and Approaches.” Global Solidarity Alliance Monthly Meeting. December 7, 2023. Online.
- 2022 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “(Mis)Matched: Exploring Food Banks’ Responses to Hunger through Programs and Metrics.” Interdisciplinary Food Systems Discussion Group. University of California, Davis. November 16, 2023. Davis, CA.
- 2020 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Intersecting Inequities for Nonprofit Clients: The case of private food assistance.” Power and Inequalities Workshop. University of California, Davis. March 6, 2020. Davis, CA.
- 2018 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Anthropology/ Sociology Undergraduate Research Roundtable.” Invited Panelist. University of California, Davis. February 26, 2018. Davis, CA.
- 2018 **Haynes Stein, Alana.** “Intersecting Inequities in Food Assistance Programs.” Interdisciplinary Food Systems Discussion Group. University of California, Davis. October 30, 2018. Davis, CA.
- 2015 **Stein, Alana** and Logan Terheggen. “Food: Security, Scarcity, and Significance.” Fourth Meal Discussion Series. University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

- 2023-2024 Nominations Committee. American Sociological Association Section on Consumers and Consumption.
- 2021-2023 Student Representative on Section Council. American Sociological Association Section on Consumers and Consumption.
- 2021-2023 Communications Committee. American Sociological Association Section on Consumers and Consumption.
- 2020-2022 Editorial Associate for *Theory and Society*.

- 2021 Co-Organizer, Activist and Public Scholarship (Un)Working Group, Sponsored by Imagining America and UC Davis Office of Public Scholarship and Engagement. April-June 2021.
- 2020 Annual Meeting Reception Planning Committee. American Sociological Association Section on Consumers and Consumption.
- 2019 Co-Planner and Discussant, *Natural Food Politics: Critical Perspectives on Movements, Markets, and Public Imaginaries*, The Department of Sociology, The Jewish Studies Program and the Israel Institute, UC Davis, April 24, 2019. Davis, CA.
- 2018 Co-Planner, *Eating for Change: Global and Local Perspectives on Food and Transformation Conference*, Jewish Studies Program and Department of Sociology, UC Davis, May 26, 2018. Davis, CA.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

- 2017-2023 Graduate Student Mentorship Group, Department of Sociology, UC Davis (Mentor to 9 sociology graduate students.)
- 2023 Panelist, “The Academic Job Search,” Professors for the Future Program, Graduate Studies, UC Davis. December 6, 2023.
- 2021 Panelist, “How to Publish,” Research and Development Conference, Department of Sociology, UC Davis. May 21, 2021. Online.
- 2019-2021 and 2016-2017 Power and Inequality Workshop Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
- 2020 Panelist, “Qualifying Exams,” Sociology Graduate Student Speed Mentoring Event. December 4, 2020. Online.
- 2019-2020 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis.
- 2018-2019 Graduate Student Member, Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis.
- 2017-2018 Co-Chair, Graduate Students of Sociology Association, Department of Sociology, UC Davis.
- 2017-2018 Fellowship Writing Group Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2023 Invited Speaker by The Racial Equity Committee. “Incorporating Food Justice in Food Assistance Organizations.” Montgomery County Food Council. Bethesda, MD. September 14, 2023. Online.
- 2022-2023 Member of Global Solidarity Alliance for Food, Health and Social Justice.
- 2017-2019 Food Bank Volunteer.
- 2013-2016 Pond Gap Elementary Science Club, Founder and Organizer, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
- 2015 Managing Editor for *The Amplifier*, Knoxville, TN.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2022 Brownell, Kelly (Host). Alana Haynes Stein (Guest.) “Deep dive into challenges people face accessing food pantries.” *The Leading Voices in Food Podcast Series*. Duke World Food Policy Center. November 7. <https://wfpc.sanford.duke.edu/podcasts/deep-dive-into-challenges-people-face-accessing-food-pantries/>
- 2021 Salanga, Janelle. 2021. “[Food Insecurity in Sacramento Is Higher than the U.S. Average. Here’s Possible Solutions.](#)” *CapRadio*, October 8.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society
- American Sociological Association
- American Association of Geographers
- The Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
- Association for the Study of Food and Society
- Global Solidarity Alliance for Food, Health, and Social Justice
- The Graduate Association for Food Studies
- Imagining America
- Pacific Sociological Association
- Southern Sociological Association
- Phi Beta Kappa

PEER REVIEWER

MIT Press, *Social Currents*

SKILLS

- R statistical software
- Stata statistical software

- QGIS mapping software
- MAXQDA qualitative data analysis software
- Proficient in Spanish
- Proficient in Microsoft Office