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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, 2001.
M.A. in Sociology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, 1995.
B.A. in Sociology, McKendree University, Lebanon, IL, 1993.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

School of History and Sociology, Georgia Tech
Professor of Sociology, 2020-present.
Associate Professor of Sociology, 2009-2020.
Assistant Professor of Sociology, 2002-2009.
Visiting Assistant Professor, 2001-2002
Director of Graduate Studies, 2014-2020.
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2008-2014.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology, Political Economy of the World System, Social Movements, Sociology of Development, Social Inequality, and Sociology of Agriculture and Food.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Winders, Bill and Elizabeth Ransom, editors. 2019. *Global Meat: Social and Environmental Consequences of the Expanding Meat Industry*. MIT Press. (Food, Health, and the Environment Series)

**Choice* “Outstanding Academic Title” for 2020, “Community College Top 75” for July 2020

Winders, Bill. 2017. *Grains*. Polity Press. (Resources Series)

Winders, Bill. 2009. *The Politics of Food Supply: U.S. Agricultural Policy in the World Economy*. Yale University Press. (Yale Agrarian Studies Series)

*Paperback edition with new preface by author in 2012

*Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) section of the American Sociological Association Book Award (2011)

Journal Articles:

Winders, Bill. 2024. “The Global Ascension of Corn and Soybeans: From Managing Supply to Expanding Production in the United States and the World.” *Agricultural History*. 98(3):470-480.

- Winders, Bill. 2020. "The Global Context of the U.S. Farm Bill in 2018: World Markets, Instability, and Policy Preferences in Agriculture." *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*. 35(4):367-375.
- Winders, Bill, Alison Heslin, Gloria Ross, Hannah Weksler, and Seanna Berry. 2016. "Life After the Regime: Market Instability with the Fall of the U.S. Food Regime." *Agriculture and Human Values*. 33(1):73-88.
- Winders, Bill. 2012. "The Food Crisis and the Deregulation of Agriculture." *Brown Journal of World Affairs*. 18(1):83-95.
 *Reprinted in *Annual Editions: Nutrition 13/14 (25th Edition)*, edited by Amy Strickland, 2013. New York: McGraw-Hill.
- Winders, Bill. 2009. "The Vanishing Free Market: The Formation and Spread of the British and US Food Regimes." *Journal of Agrarian Change*. 9(3):315-345.
 *Bernstein & Byres Prize for the Best Article in *Journal of Agrarian Change*
- Winders, Bill. 2006. "'Sowing the Seeds of Their Own Destruction': Southern Planters, State Policy, and the Market, 1933 to 1975." *Journal of Agrarian Change*. 6(2):143-166.
- Winders, Bill. 2005. "Maintaining the Coalition: Class Coalitions and Policy Trajectories." *Politics & Society*. 33(3):387-423.
- Winders, Bill. 2004. "Sliding Toward the Free Market: Shifting Political Coalitions and U.S. Agricultural Policy, 1945-1975." *Rural Sociology*. 69(4):467-489.
- Winders, Bill and David Nibert. 2004. "Consuming the Surplus: Expanding 'Meat' Consumption and Animal Oppression." *International Journal of Sociology & Social Policy*. 24(9):76-96.
 *Reprinted in *Between the Species: A Reader in Human-Animal Relationships*, edited by Arnold Arluke and Clinton Sanders, 2008. New York: Allyn & Bacon.
- Werum, Regina and Bill Winders. 2001. "Who's In and Who's Out: State Fragmentation and the Struggle Over Gay Rights, 1974-1999." *Social Problems*. 48(3):386-410.
- Stalp, Marybeth and Bill Winders. 2000. "Power in the Margins: Gendered Organizational Effects on Religious Activism." *Review of Religious Research*. 42(1):41-60.
- Winders, Bill. 1999. "The Roller Coaster of Class Conflict: Class Segments, Mass Mobilization, and Voter Turnout in the U.S., 1840-1996." *Social Forces*. 77(3):833-862.
 *Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award, Political Sociology Section of the ASA (1999)

Book Chapters:

- Winders, Bill and Elizabeth Ransom. 2019. "Introduction to the Global Meat Industry: Expanding Production, Consumption, and Trade." Pages 1-23 in *Global Meat: Social and Environmental*

Consequences of the Expanding Meat Industry, edited by Bill Winders and Elizabeth Ransom. MIT Press.

Ransom, Elizabeth and Bill Winders. 2019. "Conclusions about the Global Meat Industry: Consequences and Solutions." Pages 185-200 in *Global Meat: Social and Environmental Consequences of the Expanding Meat Industry*, edited by Bill Winders and Elizabeth Ransom. MIT Press.

Ross, Gloria and Bill Winders. 2018. "Shifting Access to Food: Food Deserts in Atlanta, 1980-2010." Pages 162-176 in *Food and Poverty: Food Insecurity and Food Sovereignty among America's Poor*, edited by Leslie Hossfeld, E. Brooke Kelly, Julia Waity. Vanderbilt University Press.

Winders, Bill. 2015. "U.S. Agricultural Policy and the World Economy." Pages 157-174 in *Handbook on the Globalisation of Agriculture*, edited by Guy Robinson, Doris Schmallegger, and Jen Clearyto. Edward Elgar Publishers, UK.

Winders, Bill. 2014. "New Deal Agricultural Policy: The Unintended Consequences of Supply Management." Pages 266-291 in *When Government Helped: Learning from the Successes and Failures of the New Deal*, edited by Sheila Collins and Trudy Goldberg. Oxford University Press.

Book Reviews:

Winders, Bill. 2020. Review of *Structure, Agency and Biotechnology: The Case of the Rothamsted GM Wheat Trials*, by Aristeidis Panagiotou. *Contemporary Sociology*. 49(5):462-463.

Winders, Bill. 2015. Review of *Oil for Food: The Global Food Crisis and the Middle East*, by Eckart Woertz. *Agricultural History*. 89(2):332-333.

Winders, Bill. 2007. Review of *Southern Farmers and Their Stories: Memory and Meaning in Oral History*, by Melissa Walker. *Journal of Agrarian Change*. 7(3):416-418.

Winders, Bill. 2004. Review Essay: *Race, Ethnicity, and Sexuality* by Joanne Nagel, and of *Animal Rights, Human Rights* by David Nibert. *Gender and Society*. 18(2):257-259.

Other Publications:

Winders, Bill. 2016. "Food Price Instability and Global Food Crises." *Sociological Insights for Development Policy*. Volume 1, Number 6. (ASA Policy Brief)

Winders, Bill. 2013. "Food Supply." *World Book Encyclopedia (2014 Print Edition)*.

Winders, Bill. 2004. "Historical Lens Blurs His 'Solid Mandate.'" *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. November 17:A-23.

Winders, Bill. 1996. "Privatizing War Veterans Home." *Z-Magazine*, October.

Book Manuscripts in Progress:

Winders, Bill. *The Price of Food: Food Crises in the World Economy*.

Winders, Bill. *A Most Violent Commodity: Industrial Meat in the World Economy*.

Papers in Progress:

Winders, Bill, and Elizabeth Ransom. "The Global Meat Industry: Trends in Production, Consumption, and Trade in the World Economy, 1960-2015." Revising for submission.

Winders, Bill. "The Geopolitics of GE Grains: Biotechnology and Grains for Feed and Food in the World Economy." Revising for submission.

Winders, Bill. "Technology and World Hunger: A Comparison of the Role of Technology in Four Global Food Crises." Revising for submission.

Winders, Bill, and Claude Robinson. "When Presidents Lose Elections: Party Cohesion and the Advantage of Incumbency in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1900-2012." Revising for submission.

Winders, Bill. "Making Sense of the Chaos: Food Crises and the Fall of the British and U.S. Food Regimes." In preparation.

Research Awards and Honors:

Georgia Tech Food, Energy, and Water Systems (FEWS) Fellow, 2016.

Bernstein & Byres Prize for the Best Article in *Journal of Agrarian Change*, 2011.

Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) section of the American Sociological Association Book Award, 2011.

Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award, Political Sociology Section of the ASA, 1999.

Pi Gamma Mu National Honor Society Graduate Student Scholarship, 1993.

Lincoln Laureate, McKendree University, Illinois, 1993.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

"Industry Animals: Industrial Commodities and Environmental Threats from US Meat Production." History of Commodities and the Environment Workshop, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, February 28, 2025.

"The Politics of Global Food Supply: Famine, Global Food Crises, and World Hunger." Dunwoody Great Decisions Lectures, Atlanta, Georgia, March 9, 2023.

"Supply Management Policy and Disparities in U.S. Agriculture." Disparity to Parity Webinar Series, American University, June 2021.

- “Technology and World Hunger: A Comparison of the Role of Technology in Two Global Food Crises.” Dirty History Workshop, Department of History, University of Georgia, January 26, 2018.
- “World Hunger and the Political Economy of Grains.” Food, Farming, and Faith: A LAMP Symposium on Growing Community, Georgia Tech and Emory University, March 1, 2016.
- “The Political Economy of Grains: Food Grains, Feed Grains, and World Hunger.” Keynote Address at “The Future of Food Security Management Workshop,” Coles College of Business, Kennesaw State University, September 28, 2015.
- “Cultivating Conflict and Change: The Contours of US Agricultural Policy.” Invited Speaker at the Global Outlook Symposium celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, Stockholm, Sweden. January 2013.
- “Making Sense of the World Food Crisis, 2007-2008.” Plenary Speaker at the Food Studies Conference, Las Vegas, NV. December 2011.
- “The Political-Economy of the World Food Crisis, 2007-2008.” Invited Paper at the American Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD. October 2011.
- “Making Food Industrial and the World Hungry: US Agricultural Policy in the World Economy.” Sociology Colloquium Speaker, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, February 2011.
- “Between State and Market: The Politics of Food Supply.” AKD Speaker, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Mary Washington University, Fredricksburg, VA. April 9, 2009.
- “The Politics of Food Supply.” Panel Discussion on Sustainable Farming, Goizueta Business School, Emory University, March 25, 2009.
- “Locked Out? How the United States Limits Voter Participation.” Constitution Day Talk, Georgia Tech Library, September 17, 2008.
- “Don’t Skip My Table: A Brief Introduction to Interpreting and Understanding Regression.” Graduate Student Forum, HTS. Georgia Tech, March 28, 2008.
- “Lessons Learned in Graduate School.” Guest Speaker, Annual Awards Ceremony, Department of Sociology. Emory University, April 25, 2007.
- “Historical Racial Inequality and Reparations.” Panel Discussion on the *Brown University Report on “Slavery and Justice.”* Georgia Tech, February 20, 2007.

“The Politics of Twentieth Century U.S. Agricultural Policy.” Guest Speaker, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Mary Washington University, Fredricksburg, VA. November 8, 2005.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

“Chicken Production and Consumption in Southern Africa, 1961-2019. (Revised)” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Madison, WI, August 2024. (with Elizabeth Ransom, Penn State, and Olanike Olaomo, Georgia Tech).

“Chicken Production and Consumption in Southern Africa, 1961-2019.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August 2023. (with Elizabeth Ransom, Penn State, and Olanike Olaomo, Georgia Tech).

“Biotechnology and Grains in the World Economy: Explaining Divergent Patterns of Genetically Engineered Feed and Food Grains.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Burlington, Vermont, August 2023.

“The Global Meat Industry: Production, Consumption, and Trade in the World Economy, 1960-2015.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 2019. (with Elizabeth Ransom, Penn State)

“Technology and World Hunger: A Comparison of the Role of Technology in Four Global Food Crises.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

“The Geopolitics of Grains: Biotechnology and Grains for Feed and Food in the World Economy.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

“Trends in Meat Production, Consumption, and Trade in the World Economy, 1960-2015.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Toronto, Canada, August 2016. (with Elizabeth Ransom, University of Richmond)

Panelist. “Author Meets Critics: *Divided Spirits: Tequila, Mezcal, and the Politics of Production*, by Sarah Bowen.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Toronto, Canada, August 2016.

“The Geopolitics of Grains: Food Grains, Feed Grains, and World Hunger.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Madison, WI, August 2015.

“The Geopolitics of Grains: Neoliberalism and Economic Conflict in Agriculture, 1975-2010.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

“Life After the Regime: Market Volatility in Agriculture after the Collapse of the U.S. Food Regime.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 2013. (with Glo Ross, Hannah Weksler, Seanna Berry, and Alison Heslin)

- “When Chaos Reigns: A Comparison of the Collapse of the British and U.S. Food Regimes.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, July 2012.
- “Life After the Regime: Market Instability for Wheat, Corn, and Coffee with the Fall of the U.S. Food Regime.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Boise, ID, July 2011.
- “Author Meets Critics: *The Politics of Food Supply*.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, August 2010.
- “The ‘Perfect Storm’?: The Political-Economic Context of the 1996 FAIR Act.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Madison, WI, July 2009.
- “The Politics of Retrenchment: Agricultural Coalitions and the FAIR Act of 1996.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.
- “The Vanishing Free Market: Changing International Food Regimes Under British and U.S. Hegemony.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Manchester, NH, July 2008.
- “Restricting the Market: The International Food Regime Under U.S. Hegemony.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, VA, April 2008.
- “The Business of Racial Equality: A Comparison of Movements for Racial Equality in the U.S. South and South Africa.” (With Kristin Marsh) Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2007.
- “The 2004 Election in Historical Perspective: Party Cohesion and the Advantage of Incumbency in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1900-2004.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, March 2007.
- “The South at the Center: The Rise and Demise of Supply Management Policy, 1920-1975.” Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 2006.
- Panelist. “Author Meets Critics: *One Nation, Uninsured: Why the U.S. has No National Health Insurance*, by Jill Quadagno.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, April 2006.
- “When Incumbents Lose: The 2004 Presidential Election in Historical Context.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005.
- “Changing Racial Inequality: The Rise and Fall of Systems of Racial Inequality in the U.S.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.

“‘Sowing the Seeds of Their Own Destruction’: Southern Planters, the Civil Rights Movement, and U.S. Agricultural Policy, 1938 to 1975.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Sacramento, CA, August 2004.

“‘Sowing the Seeds of Their Own Destruction’: Southern Planters, the Civil Rights Movement, and U.S. Agricultural Policy, 1938 to 1975.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, March 2004.

“The Return of the Market: U.S. Agricultural Policy in the late 1900s.” Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, Canada, July 2003.

“Changing Racial Inequality: Political Coalitions and Systems of Racial Inequality in the U.S.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 2003.

Panel Participant. “Bringing Social Justice into the Classroom.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 2003.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Sociology
Social Problems; Social Issues and Public Policy
Research Methods
Food and Society
Social Movements
Class, Power, and Social Inequality
Race and Ethnicity
Sociology of Development

Undergraduate Seminars

Social Change in the US South
Food in the World Economy
The Civil Rights Movement

Graduate Seminars

Foundations of Socio-Historical Analysis
Social Movements
Food and Crisis in the World Economy

Teaching Awards

Hesburgh Teaching Fellow, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2011.
E. Roe Stamps, IV, “Excellence-in-Teaching” Award, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2004.
Class of 1969 Teaching Fellowship, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2003-2004.
Freshman Partner of the Year, Georgia Institute of Technology, Faculty Winner, 2003.
Dean’s Teaching Fellowship, Emory University, 1999-2000.
Graduate Student Teaching Award, Sociology Department, Emory University, 1999-2000.

SERVICE

Department Service

HSOC Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, Chair, 2025-present.
Sociology Search Committees, 2025 (chair), 2022, 2019 (chair), 2015 (chair), 2010 (chair).
Graduate Program Committee, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2002-2005, 2013-2020, 2022-2024.
Director of Graduate Studies, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2014-2020.
Executive Committee, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2007-2009, 2011-2020.
Search Committee for Chair of HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2016-2017.
Director of Undergraduate Studies, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2008-2014.

Undergraduate Program Committee, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2006-2014.
Urban History Search Committee, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2012-2013.
Chair of Speaker Series Committee, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2010-2011.
Policy Alignment Committee, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2003-2004.
Seminar in Comparative History and Society (SCHaS) Committee, HSOC, Georgia Tech, 2003-2005.

University Service

IAC Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, 2025-present.
Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) Committee, 2014-2024.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Planning Committee, Georgia Tech, 2011-2021.
Dean's Internship Program, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts (IAC), 2016-2017.
Outstanding Graduate Academic Advising Award Committee, Georgia Tech, 2015.
IAC Faculty Advisory Committee, Georgia Tech, 2013-2014.
Dean Search Committee, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, Georgia Tech, 2009-2010.
CETL Awards Committee, Georgia Tech, 2010.
Evaluation Committee, President's Scholarship Program, Georgia Tech, 2006.
HSOC Representative to the Faculty Assembly and Senate, 2003-2006.
Freshman Partner Program, Georgia Tech, 2002-2003.

Professional Service

Secretary-Treasurer, Political Economy of the World-System (PEWS) section, American Sociological Association (ASA), 2018-2021.
Distinguished Contributions to Teaching Award Committee, ASA, 2013-2015.
Chair, Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Agriculture & Food Research Interest Group (SAFRIG), Rural Sociological Society, 2012-2013.
Program Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 2011-2012.
Program Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 2011-2012.
Chair, SAFRIG, Rural Sociological Society, 2011-2012.
Co-Chair, SAFRIG, Rural Sociological Society, 2010-2011.
Endowment Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 2010-2013.
International Advisory Board, *Journal of Agrarian Change*, 2010-present.
International Advisory Board, Food Studies Conference and Journal, 2012-present.
Co-organizer, SAFRIG Field Trip, Rural Sociological Society, 2010.
Development Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 2008-2011.
Nomination Committee, Animals & Society Section, ASA, 2004.
Local Arrangements Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 2004.
Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Political Sociology Section, ASA, 2000.
Registration Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society, San Francisco, CA, August 1998.

Peer Reviewer

Agriculture & Human Values, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2024, 2025
American Sociological Review, 2001, 2006
American Journal of Sociology, 2006, 2008
American Political Science Review, 1999
Journal of Agrarian Change, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017
Journal of Peasant Studies, 2020

Journal of Rural Studies, 2016
Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems, 2018
Rural Sociology, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2020
Sex Roles, 2001
Social Forces, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2014, 2015, 2017
Social Problems, 2005, 2007, 2012, 2021
Sociological Forum, 2006, 2007
Sociological Quarterly, 2005
Southern Rural Sociology, 2007
University of British Columbia Press, 2013
Yale University Press, 2009
National Science Foundation (NSF), 2006
Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE), 2011

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Animals & Society, Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Marxist Sociology,
Political Economy of the World System, Political Sociology, and Sociology of
Development

Rural Sociological Society (RSS)

Southern Sociological Society (SSS)