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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Sociology, Michigan State University  
M.A. in Sociology, Michigan State University  
B.A. in Sociology & Political Science, Western Carolina University

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Globalization and development (emphasis on Sub-Saharan Africa); Political economy of agriculture and food systems; Social studies of science and technology (especially in relation to the agriculture and food); Gender, social change & development

### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### Academic

Associate Professor of International Affairs and Senior Research Associate in the Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania State University, 2018- Present.  
Associate Professor, University of Richmond, 2012-2018.  
Assistant Professor, University of Richmond, 2006-2012.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Richmond, 2003-2005.  
Visiting Instructor, The College of William and Mary, Department of Sociology, 2002-2003.  
Visiting Instructor, Old Dominion University, Women's Studies Department, 2001-2002.

#### Fellowships and Affiliations

Research Associate with the Institute for Theory and Practice of International Relations and a member of the AidData research consortium, The College of William and Mary, 2013-2017.  
AAAS Diplomacy Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science & Technology Policy Fellowship Program, Washington, D.C., International Trade Specialist, Food and Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2005-2006.

### **HONORS, PRIZES and AWARDS**

*Invited Honorary Coach*, UR Women's Basketball Team, February 21, 2018.  
*Excellence in Instruction Award*, Rural Sociological Society, 2015.  
*Outstanding Mentor Award* nominee, Undergraduate Research Committee, University of Richmond, 2015.  
*Mentor to Westhampton College Distinguished Leader Awardee*, (14 graduating Westhampton seniors selected annually) University of Richmond, February 24, 2015  
*Mentor to Westhampton College Distinguished Leader Awardee*, (14 graduating Westhampton seniors selected annually) University of Richmond, February 23, 2012

*Faculty recognition*, Omicron Delta Kappa, Epsilon Circle, University of Richmond, March 17, 2011

*Invited Honorary Coach*, UR Women's Basketball Team, November 16, 2009

*Invited Professor*, University of Richmond Women in Learning and Leadership Program Annual Dinner, 2008

*Invited Professor*, University of Richmond Women's Track Team at the Annual Student-Athlete Celebration, 2005

## **RESEARCH**

### **Books**

Winders, B. and E. Ransom, Editors. Forthcoming. *Global Meat: Social and Environmental Consequences of the Expanding Meat Industry*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Authors: Gould, F., R.M. Amasino, D. Brossard, C.R. Buell, R.A. Dixon, J.B. Falck-Zepeda, M.A. Gallo, K. Giller, L. L. Glenna, T. S. Griffin, B.R. Hamaker, P.M. Kareiva, D. Magraw, C. Mallory-Smith, K. Pixley, E.P. Ransom, M. Rodemeyer, D.M. Stelly, C.N. Stewart, and R. Whitaker. 2016. *Genetically Engineered Crops: Experiences and Prospects*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, doi:10.17226/23395.

Ransom, E. with C. Baily and L. Jensen, Editors. 2014. *Rural America in a Globalizing World: Problems and Prospects for the 2010s*. Morgantown, WV: West Virginia University Press.

### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles** (\*Undergraduate Students; \*\*Graduate Students)

Bain, C. E. Ransom, and I. Halimatusa'diyah.\*\* 2018. "'Weak Winners' of Women's Empowerment: The Gendered Effects of Dairy Livestock Assets on Time Poverty in Uganda" *Journal of Rural Studies* 61:100-109. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2018.03.004>

Ransom, E., C. Bain, H. Bal\*, N. Shannon.\* 2017. "Cattle as Technological Interventions: The Gender Effects of Water Demand in Dairy Production in Uganda." *FACETS* 2(2): 715-732.

Ransom, E., C. Bain, and I. Halimatusa'diyah.\*\* 2017. "Livestock-Livelihood Linkages in Uganda: The Benefits for Women and Rural Households?" *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*. 32(2): 37-68.

Ransom, E. and W. Wright. 2013. "Constructing Culinary Knowledge: Food and Agricultural Change in Community Cookbooks." *Food, Culture & Society*, 16 (4): 669-689.

Ransom, E. C. Bain, and V. Higgins. 2013. "Private Agri-food Standards: Supply Chains and the Governance of Standards." Introduction to an edited collection of articles in *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*. 20(2): 20(2): 147-154.

Bain, C., E. Ransom and V. Higgins. 2013. "Private Agri-food Standards: Contestation, Hybridity and the Politics of Standards." Introduction to an edited collection of articles in *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*. 20(1): 1-10.

Ransom, E. 2011. "Botswana's Beef Global Commodity Chain: Explaining the Resistance to Change." *Journal of Rural Studies* 27 (4): 431-439.

Ransom, E. and C. Bain. 2011. "Gendering Agricultural Aid: An Analysis of Whether International Development Assistance Targets Women and Gender." *Gender and Society* 25(1): 48-74.

**Sage Publications Podcast:** Authors Elizabeth Ransom and Carmen Bain discuss their article, "Gendering Agricultural Aid: An Analysis of Whether International Development Assistance Targets Women and Gender." [Download MP3](#)

Friedland, B., E. Ransom, S. Wolf. 2010 "Agrifood Alternatives and Reflexivity in Academic Practice." Introduction to an edited collection of articles in *Rural Sociology*. 75 (4): 532-537.

Bain, C., E. Ransom, M. Worosz. 2010. "Constructing Credibility: Using Technoscience to Legitimate Strategies in Agrifood Governance." *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* 25(3): 160-192.

Malope, P., and E. Ransom. 2009. Awareness and the perceived effects of the New Livestock and Meat Industries Act of 2006: a case study of Kgatleng and Kweneng districts, Botswana. *Livestock Research for Rural Development*. Volume 21, Article #169. Retrieved October 28, 2009, from <http://www.lrrd.org/lrrd21/10/malo21169.html>.

Ransom, E. 2007. "The Rise of Agricultural Animal Welfare Standards as Understood Through a Neo-Institutional Lens." *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food* 15 (3): 26-44.

Wright, W. and E. Ransom. 2005. "Stratification on the Menu: Using Restaurant Menus to Examine Social Class." *Teaching Sociology* (3): 310-316.

Wright, W., E. Ransom and K. Tanaka. 2005. "The 'All-American Meal': Constructing Confidence in the Case of BSE." *Illness, Crisis, and Loss* 13 (2): 95-115.

Middendorf, G., M. Skladany, E. Ransom, and L. Busch. 1998. "New Agricultural Biotechnologies: The Struggle for Democratic Choice." *Monthly Review* 50 (3): 85-96.

### **Guest Editor**

Bain, C., E. Ransom and V. Higgins. 2013. Special Issues: Private Agrifood Standards Part I and Part 2. *International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food*. 20 (1&2)

Friedland, B., E. Ransom, S. Wolf. 2010. Special Issue: Agrifood Movements and and Reflexivity in Academic Practice." *Rural Sociology*. 75 (4): 532-537.

### **Book Chapters**

Ransom, E. Forthcoming 2018. "Governing Agriculture: Public Policy and Private Governance." J. Konefal and M. Hatanaka (Eds.), *Twenty Lessons in the Sociology of Food and Agriculture*. Oxford University Press.

Ransom, E. M. Hatanaka, J. Konefal, A. Loconto. 2017. "Science and Standards" Chapter 24 in David Tyfield, Rebecca Lave, Samuel Randalls and Charles Thorpe (Eds.), *The Routledge Handbook of the Political Economy of Science*. Routledge.

Glenna, L. and E. Ransom. 2016. "Agriculture Science and Technology: Tensions and Contradictions" Pp. 240-249 in Mark Shucksmith and David L. Brown (Eds.), *International Handbook of Rural Studies*. Routledge.

Ransom, E. 2015. "The Political Economy of Agriculture in Southern Africa" Pp. 19-39 in Alessandro Bonanno and Lawrence Busch (Eds.), *The Handbook of International Political Economy of Agriculture and Food*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Press.

Tanaka, K., and E. Ransom. 2007. "Networks of Actions, Agency of Networks: The Cases of New Zealand and South Africa in the Global Red Meat Chain." Pp. 247-272 in Wynne Wright and Gerad Middendorf (Eds.), *The Fight Over Food: Producers, Consumers, and Activists Challenge the Global Food System*. Pennsylvania State University Press, Rural Studies Series. (Peer-reviewed)

Ransom, E. 2006. "Defining a Good Steak: Global Constructions of What is Considered the Best Red Meat." Pp. 159-175 in Jim Bingen and Lawrence Busch (Eds.), *Standards and the Shape of our Global Food and Fiber System*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.

Busch, L., E. Ransom, T. McKee, G. Middendorf, and J. Chesebro. 2006. "Paradoxes of Innovation: Standards and Technical Change in the Transformation of the US Soybean Industry." Pp. 137-155 in Jim Bingen and Lawrence Busch (Eds.), *Standards and the Shape of our Global Food and Fiber System*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Springer.

Middendorf, G., M. Skladany, E. Ransom, and L. Busch. 2002. "New Agricultural Biotechnologies: The Struggle for Democratic Choice." Pp. 373-383 in Carole M. Counihan (Ed.), *Food in the USA*. New York: Routledge [Reprint].

Middendorf, G., M. Skladany, E. Ransom, and L. Busch. 2000. "New Agricultural Biotechnologies: The Struggle for Democratic Choice." Pp. 107-124 in *Hungry for Profit: The Agribusiness Threat to Farmers, Food, and the Environment*. Fred Magdoff, John Bellamy Foster, and Frederick H. Buttel (Eds.) New York: Monthly Review Press [Reprint].

Ransom, E. 1999. "Creating 'Uniformity': The Construction of Bodies in Women's Collegiate Cross Country." Pp. 183-206 in Jeffery Sobal and Donna Maurer (Eds.), *Interpreting Weight: The Social Management of Fatness and Thinness*. New York: Aldine de Gruyter.

Ransom, E., L. Busch, and G. Middendorf. 1998. "Can Cooperatives Survive the Privatization of Research?" Pp. 75-94 in Steven A. Wolf (Ed.), *Privatization of Technology and Information Transfer in US Agriculture*. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press, Inc.

## **Book Reviews**

Ransom, E. 2012. Review of E. Shapiro, *Gender Circuits: Bodies and Identities in a Technological Age* (Routledge). *Gender and Society* 26(1): 144.

Ransom, E. 2008. Review of J. A. Thomson, *Seeds for the Future: The Impact of Genetically Modified Crops on the Environment* (Cornell University Press). *Food and Foodways* 16 (1): 88-92.

Ransom, E. 2008. Review of P. Gibbon and S. Ponte, *Trading Down: Africa, Value Chains, and the Global Economy* (Temple University Press). *Rural Sociology* 73(2): 311-315.

## **Research Reports, Encyclopedia Articles, Trade Journal Publications**

Fred Gould, Richard M Amasino, Dominique Brossard, C Robin Buell, Richard A Dixon, Jose B Falck-Zepeda, Michael A Gallo, Ken E Giller, Leland L Glenna, Timothy Griffin, Bruce R Hamaker, Peter M Kareiva, Daniel Magraw, Carol Mallory-Smith, Kevin V Pixley, Elizabeth P Ransom, Michael Rodemeyer, David M Stelly, C Neal Stewart, Jr & Robert J Whitaker. April 2017. "Elevating the conversation about GE crops." *Nature Biotechnology*. 35(4): 302-304.

Ransom, E., Wright, W. and Bain, C. 2016. Female Farming Systems. *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. 1–5.

Ransom, E. 2010. "Food Safety and Football in South Africa." In *Agriculture and Food: The E-newsletter of the ISA Research Committee on Agriculture and Food*, May 2010, 4(1): 2-4.

Ransom, E. 2009. Contributing author, "Chapter 2: Changes in Agriculture and Food Production in NAE Since 1945" in *Agriculture at a Crossroads, Volume IV: North America and Europe (NAE) Report*, International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development, edited by B. D. McIntyre, H. R. Herren, J. Wakhungu, and R. T. Watson. Washington, D.C.: Island Press.

Duster, T. and E. Ransom. 2008. "One Thing to Do About Food: A Forum." In Stephen P. Reid, *The Prentice Hall Guide for College Writers, Eighth Edition*. New Jersey, Prentice Hall. [Reprint].

Middendorf, G., E. Ransom and L. Busch. 2008. "Current Issues in Agricultural Science and Technology Policy." In *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems*. UNESCO and EOLSS Publishers, Oxford, UK, <http://www.eolss.net> , pp. 1-20 [Reprint].

Ransom, E. 2007 "Voices From The Future: Constructing a New Rural Sociological Society For The 21st Century." *The Rural Sociologist*. 27 (4, December): 30-31.

Ransom, E. and T. Duster. 2006. "A Slice of Life" in *Thinking outside the Lunchbox*, The Center for Ecoliteracy, October 2006 News. <http://www.ecoliteracy.org/news/index.html>

Duster, T. and E. Ransom. 2006. "One Thing to Do About Food: A Forum" in *The Nation*, September 11, 2006. <http://www.thenation.com/doc/20060911/forum/3>

Middendorf, G., E. Ransom and L. Busch. 2002. "Current Issues in Agricultural Science and Technology Policy." In *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems*. UNESCO and EOLSS Publishers, Oxford, UK, <http://www.eolss.net> , pp. 1-20.

Ransom, E., L. Busch, and T. McKee. 2000. *Soybeans: Major Trends and Opportunities for Farmers and Processors*. East Lansing: Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, Research Report 571.

Institute for Food and Agricultural Standards. 2000. "Markets, Rights and Equity: Food and Agricultural Standards in a Shrinking World: Recommendations from an International Workshop." E. Lansing, MI: IFAS and Michigan State University Extension. <http://www.msu.edu/%7Eifas/downloads/FoodAg.pdf> [Busch, Middendorf, and Ransom are co-authors].

Ransom, Elizabeth, Gerad Middendorf, and Lawrence Busch. 1998. "Biotechnology and Agricultural Cooperatives: Choices and Challenges for Managers and Members." Research Report of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station. January, No. 552. East Lansing: Michigan State University. <http://www.msue.msu.edu/msue/imp/modrr/rr552098.html>

Ransom, E., G. Middendorf, and L. Busch. 1996. "Biotechnology and Agricultural Cooperatives: Implications of the New Plant Biotechnologies." *Rural Cooperatives* 63(2): 8-10.

Ransom, E., G. Middendorf, and L. Busch. 1996. "Biotechnology and Agricultural Cooperatives: Implications of the New Animal Biotechnologies." *Rural Cooperatives* 63(3): 15-17.

Ransom, E. 1996. "Strategic Silences: An Introduction Into the Silences Surrounding African-American Women as Athletes" in Ruth Simms Hamilton (ed.), *Writing Race, Politics, and Social Structure: A Selected Anthology of Graduate Seminar Papers on the Sociology of Race*. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University.

Middendorf, G., E. Ransom, and L. Busch. 1996. "Biotechnology and Agricultural Cooperatives: Implications of the New Food Biotechnologies." *Rural Cooperatives* 63(3): 18-22.

### **Fellowships, Grants, Awards**

#### *External*

National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, "Women's Empowerment, Food Security and Farm Productivity" in Uganda. Collaborative Award with Dr. Carmen Bain, Department of Sociology, Iowa State University. Funds received: \$160,220 (UR: \$84,887), 2014 – 2016.

AAAS Diplomacy Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science & Technology Policy Fellowship Program, Washington, D.C., 2005 – 2006.

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Travel Grant, supports travel for graduate students and junior scholars to the 4S annual meetings, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2002.

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science and Technology (S&T): Ethics and Values Studies, Research on S&T Division. Title of Proposal: "Setting the Standard -- Competing Values in the South African Red Meat Commodity Chain." Funds received: \$12,000 with L. Busch, 2000.

### *Internal*

University of Richmond Travel Grant. (\$1,000), 2016.

University of Richmond Research Grant. (\$5,000), 2014.

University of Richmond Travel Grant. (\$1,200), 2014.

University of Richmond Research Grant. (\$5,800), 2012.

University of Richmond Travel Grant. (\$1,200), 2012.

University of Richmond Research Grant. (\$4,000), 2009.

University of Richmond Travel Grant. (\$1,200), 2008.

University of Richmond Research Grant. (\$10,060), 2007.

University of Richmond Faculty Summer Stipend. (\$5,000), 2007.

Dissertation Support Grant, College of Social Science, Michigan State University. (\$5,000), 2000.

CASID, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, study the isiZulu language, Michigan State University. (\$11,000), 1999.

MSU/Ford Predissertation Grant Program for Social Science Fieldwork. (\$3,000), 1998.

### **Invited Presentations**

#### *University Presentations*

“Exploring the Relevance of Sustainable Beef Production in Southern Africa” Environmental Studies Program and International Studies Program, University of Richmond, January 21, 2016.

“Gender Sensitive Development,” Mandela Washington Fellows for the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), The College of William & Mary as part of the Presidential Precinct, July 29, 2015.

“Controlling Diseases and ‘Greening’ Feedlots: Governance of the Livestock Industry in Southern Africa,” Department of Science & Technology in Society's Seminar Series, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. October 17, 2014.

“Feast and Famine: Inequalities in the Global Food System” Stone Lectures, Beloit College, November 20, 2013.

“The High Costs of Cheap Food” for Bonner Center for Civic Engagement Brown Bag Discussion Series with Amy Treonis, Department of Biology, University of Richmond, February 22, 2013.

“Including the Excluded? An Analysis of International Agricultural Development Assistance Focus on Marginalized Populations, 1978-2008” for the Food Security and Environmental Crisis Symposium at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Rural Sociology, Lisbon, Portugal, July 30, 2012.

“Rural Impact of Transformations of Red Meat Production in Southern Africa” presented at the School of History, Technology and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, April 4, 2011.

“The Globalization of ‘Safe’: Hygiene Standards in South Africa and Botswana’s Red Meat Industries,” Office of International Research, Education, and Development and the Animal Science Department, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. October 28-29, 2008.

*Technical, Policy, Applied Presentations*

Participant and Presenter, “Standards in Global Agriculture and Food Trade: Studying Botswana, Namibia and South Africa’s Beef Commodity Chains” for the workshop “Reconciling Livestock Health and Wildlife Conservation Goals in Southern Africa: Strategies for Sustainable Economic Development,” Sponsored by Southern African Development Community Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADS) Project and Wildlife Conservation Society’s Animal & Human Health for the Environment and Development (AHEAD) Programme. Gaborone, Botswana, November 13-16, 2012.

“The Challenge of World Hunger: Opportunities and Strategies for Sustainable 21st Century Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa” for the Educating People of Faith: Personal Choices, Agricultural Sustainability and the 21st Century Challenge of World Hunger, a conference sponsored by the Committee on Stewardship of Creation of the Episcopal Church Diocese of Virginia and the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia, September 29, 2012

Guest Expert on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “The Kathleen Dunn Show,” April 30, 2012.

“Food Deserts in Richmond, Virginia” presented to the Bonner Scholar Program, University of Richmond, March 12, 2012.

“The Future of Food in a Global Society” presented at Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts and Technology, Petersburg, Virginia, October 27, 2010.

“Agricultural Animal Diseases in a Globalized Food System: Implications for Southern Africa” Plenary presented at the Agricultural Without Borders: Creating Knowledge and Partnerships Across Disciplines and Across the World, United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) Conference. West Lafayette, Indiana, Purdue University, May 10, 2010.

UR Phi Sigma Iota International Honor Society inductions, Keynote Speaker, March 24, 2009.

First Novelist Award Panelist, Virginia Commonwealth University, Sixth Annual First Novelist Award, November 16, 2007. Award winner Peter Orner for *The Second Coming of Mavala Shikongo*, 2006. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company.



**Conference Presentations** (\*Undergraduate Students; \*\*Graduate Students)

Ransom, E., C. Dolan, C. Bain. 2017. "Food Security for Dairy Smallholders in Uganda: Place-Based Opportunities and Constraints for Women's Empowerment. African Studies Association." African Studies Association, Chicago, IL, November 16-18, 2017.

Bain, C., E. Ransom, I. Halimatusa'diyah.\*\* 2017. "Dairy Livestock Interventions for Food Security in Uganda: What are the implications for Women's Empowerment?" Contemporary Efforts to Transform African Agriculture: Actors, Institutions, and Ideas, University of Minnesota, August 6-9, 2017.

Ransom, E. 2017. "Thinking about the Symmetry between Human and Animal Pharmaceutical Markets in Africa." Standardization in the Food System: A Celebration of Larry Busch's Career SAFRIG Mini-Conference. Rural Sociological Society meetings. July 26-30, Columbus, OH.

Bain, C., E. Ransom, and I. Halimatusa'diyah.\*\* 2017. "The Role of Women's Empowerment in Food Security: A Case Study of a Ugandan Smallholder Dairy Development Program." Rural Sociological Society meetings. July 26-30, Columbus, OH.

C. Bain, E. Ransom, and I. Halimatusa'diyah.\*\* 2016. "Empowering Women to Address Food Insecurity in Agricultural Development: A Critical Examination. "Development in Question: Challenges for the 21st Century." The 5th Annual Conference of the ASA Section on the Sociology of Development. October 6 – 8, 2016, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

E. Ransom, C. Bain, and I. Halimatusa'diyah.\*\* 2016. "Exploring Gender Dynamics of Livestock-Livelihood Linkages in Uganda." International Rural Sociological Association's (IRSA) XIV World Congress of Rural Sociology. August 10-14, 2016. Toronto, Canada.

Bain, C., E. Ransom, and I. Halimatusa'diyah.\*\* 2016. "Addressing Food Insecurity in Uganda: The Role of Women's Empowerment in Dairy Production." Rural Sociological Society meetings. August 7-10, 2016. Toronto, Canada.

Winders, W. and E. Ransom. "Global Meat: Trends in Production, Consumption, and Trade in the World Economy, 1960-2015." Rural Sociological Society meetings. August 7-10, 2016. Toronto, Canada.

C. Bain and E. Ransom. 2014. "Empowering Women to Address Food Insecurity? A Spatial Analysis of Agricultural Development Aid Effectiveness in Uganda." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Meetings, New Orleans, July 31-August 3, 2014.

E. Ransom. 2014. "Exploring the Environmental Consequences of Beef Production in Southern Africa." Presented at the International Sociological Association World Congress, Yokohama, Japan. July 2014.

Asad, Bilal\*, Lu Sevier\*, and Elizabeth Ransom. "A Preliminary Investigation of GIS and Gender Empowerment in Agriculture in Uganda." Works in Progress: A Regional Interdisciplinary Conference of Feminist Scholarship. Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, April 5, 2014.

- Ransom, E. 2013. "Diverse Actors and Heterogeneous Spaces: Controlling Agricultural Animal Disease in Global Trade." Presented at the Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), San Diego, CA, October 9-12, 2013.
- Ransom, E. and C. Bain. 2013. "From Food Security to Food Sovereignty: What is the Role of Agricultural Development Assistance?" Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Meetings, New York, NY, August 6-9, 2013.
- Ransom, E. and C. Bain. 2012. "Including the Excluded? An Analysis of International Agricultural Development Assistance Focus on Marginalized Populations, 1978-2008." Presented at the 13<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Rural Sociology, Lisbon, Portugal, July 31, 2012.
- Ransom, E. and C. Bain. 2011. "Aiding the Decline?: Smallholder Agriculture and Development in Africa." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Meetings, Boise, Idaho. July 2011.
- Ransom, E. and W. Wright. 2011. "Constructing Culinary Knowledge: Food and Agricultural Change in Community Cookbooks." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Meetings, Boise, Idaho. July 2011.
- Ransom, E. 2010. "Disciplining Actors in the Global Agrifood System: Agricultural Animal Disease Control in Southern Africa." Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia. August 2010.
- Ransom, E. and C. Bain. 2010. "Gendering Agricultural Aid: An Analysis of Whether International Development Assistance Targets Women." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia. August 2010.
- Ransom, E. 2010. "Safe Meat for Whom? An Exploration of the Consequences of Food Safety Regulations in Southern Africa." Presented at the International Sociological Association World Congress, Gothenburg, Sweden. July 2010.
- Ransom, E. 2009. "Analyzing Scripts and Assessing Change: Knowledge Cultures in Botswana's Livestock Sector." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Meetings, Madison, Wisconsin. July 2009.
- Ransom, E., J. Huffines\*, T. Yamaguchi. 2009. "Cross-Cultural Regulation: An Analysis of Pesticide Regulation in the U.S. and Japan." Presented at the Southern Rural Sociological Association Meetings, Atlanta, Georgia. February 2009.
- Ransom, E. 2008. "Re-Localizing the Global Meat Industry." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society Meetings, Manchester, New Hampshire. July 2008.
- Ransom, E. 2008. "Multifunctionality and Network Governance in the Botswana Livestock Sector." Presented at the International Rural Sociological Association World Congress, Seoul, S. Korea. July 2008.
- Ransom, E. and M. Phillips.\* 2008. "Blowing the Whistle on Collegiate Basketball Refereeing: Sex Segregation in the Workplace." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, VA. April 2008.
- Ransom, E. and M. Phillips.\* 2008. "Blowing the Whistle on Collegiate Basketball Refereeing: Sex Segregation in the Workplace." Presented at the Women's Studies Works in Progress XIII, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA. April 2008.

- Ransom, E. 2006. "Agricultural Animals and Trade: Paradoxes of Animal Welfare Standards in Global Agri-Food Trade." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY. August 2006.
- Ransom, E.\*, W. Wright, and K. Tanaka. 2005. "Science, Politics, and the American Case of B.S.E.: Media Constructions of Science and Risk." Presented at the Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, Florida. August 2005.
- Ransom, E. 2003. "Defining a Good Steak: Global Constructions of What is Considered the Best Red Meat." Presented at the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA. August 2003.
- Tanaka, K., E. Ransom, and C. Bain. 2003. "Networks of Actions, Agency of Networks: The Cases of New Zealand and South Africa in the Global Red Meat Chain." Presented at the RC-40 (International Sociological Association's Research Committee on the Sociology of Agriculture) Mini-Conference: "Resistance and Agency in Contemporary Agriculture and Food: Empirical Cases and New Theories." Mini-conference held at the annual meetings of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, Austin, TX. June 2003.
- Ransom, E. 2002. "Standards and Science in the Red Meat Industry of South Africa." Presented at the Society for the Social Studies of Science, Milwaukee, WI. November 2002.
- Ransom, E. 2001. "Does 'The' Consumer Exist?: Fact and Fiction in Defining the Elusive Consumer." Presented at the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Albuquerque, NM. August 2001.
- Ransom, E. 1999. "A Preliminary Investigation of Changes in Grades and Standards within the Fruit and Meat Industries of South Africa." Presented at the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Chicago, IL. August 1999.
- Busch, L., E. Ransom, G. Middendorf, T. McKee and J. Chesebro. 1998. "Paradoxes of Innovation: Standards and Technical Change in the Transformation of the US Soybean Industry." Presented at the meetings of the International Sociological Association XIV World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, Canada. July 1998.
- Worosz, M., E. Ransom, R. Deshazor. 1998. "Vineworks: The Networks of a Wine Commodity Chain." Presented at the meetings of the International Sociological Association XIV World Congress of Sociology, Montreal, Canada. July 1998.
- Ransom, E., G. Middendorf, L. Busch. 1997. "Biotechnology and Agricultural Cooperatives: Choices and Challenges for Managers and Members." Presented at the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Toronto, Canada. August 1997.
- Ransom, E. 1997. "The Normalization of Disordered Eating Among Female Athletes." Presented at the meetings of the Agricultural, Food, and Human Values Society and the Association for the Study of Food and Society, Madison, Wisconsin. July 1997.
- Ransom, E., G. Middendorf, J. Lynch-Brandon, and L. Busch. 1995. "Biotechnology and its Effects on Cooperatives." Presented at the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Washington D.C. August 1995.

## **Journal Manuscript Reviews**

*African Journal of Agricultural Research*  
*Agriculture and Human Values*  
*Agri-Gender: Journal of Gender, Agriculture and Food Security*  
*European Journal of Development Research*  
*Food, Culture & Society*  
*Food Policy*  
*Gender & Society*  
*International Journal of Agriculture and Food Systems*  
*International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education*  
*Journal of Rural Social Sciences*  
*Journal of Rural Studies*  
*Political and Legal Anthropology Review*  
*Rural Sociology*  
*Sociologia Ruralis*  
*Southern Rural Sociology*  
*Qualitative Sociology*

## **Grant Reviews**

Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship Reviewer (2012, 2013).  
Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship Faculty Facilitator Spring Workshop, New Orleans, LA (2014).  
Panel member for U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture Programs on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption in Agriculture (2013).  
Panel member for U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture Programs on Sustainable Bioenergy Research (2012).  
National Science Foundation, Science, Technology, and Society Program Reviewer (2009, 2010).

## **Reviewer for Book Proposals and Manuscripts**

Book Manuscript, MIT Press (2018).  
Book proposal, Routledge, EGN Genetics & Society Book Series, Cardiff University Managing Editor (2011).  
Book Manuscript, *The Sociology of Food and Agriculture*, Oxford, United Kingdom: Earthscan (2011).

## COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Sociology	Eating Locally, Thinking Globally (Sophomore Scholars in Residence, Living & Learning Community)
Introduction to Africa	
Deciphering a Meal – First Year Seminar	Feast and Famine: Inequalities in the Global Food System
Research Methods	
Sociological Theory	Science, Technology & Society
Sport and Society	Comparative Studies in Gender and Work
Race and Ethnicity	Gender in Nonwestern Cultures
Complex Organizations	Sex and Gender
Youth and Society	Women, Sport and Society
Comparative Sociology	Women in a Global Perspective

## STUDENT RESEARCH & THESIS ADVISEMENT (University of Richmond)

- Cassandra Ceballos, A&S Summer Fellowship, 2016. “‘Le Awe Cook’ Let us Cook: Resiliency in Virgin Islands Agriculture,” Mentor for Summer Research for Sociology Honors Thesis.
- Bria Powell, Interdisciplinary Studies (IDST) Senior Thesis: *The Effect of Sport Injuries on Collegiate Athletes*. Primary Advisor E. Ransom, Secondary Advisor: Sam Abrash, 2015-16.
- Cassandra Ceballos, Center for Civic Engagement Abby Ayers Civic Fellowship, Mentor. Presentation September 29, 2015. “Not By Accident, By Design: Food Access in Oakland, CA.” Internship with Community Food and Justice Coalition, Oakland, California. 2015.
- Gigi DeJoy, Sociology Honor’s Thesis. *Reproductive Health Care Resources & Decision Making for Women in a “Delivery Desert” in Maine*. Primary Advisor: E. Ransom; Secondary Advisor: Eric Grollman. 2014-2015. A&S Research Symposium Outstanding Paper Award, April 17, 2015.
- Margaret Legerton, A&S Summer Fellowship. Research Title: *Mission Drift?: The Impact of For-Profit versus Nonprofit Microfinance Organizations in Uganda and Rwanda*. Legerton presented her research at the A&S Undergraduate Student Symposium, University of Richmond, April 2014.  
Awarded the *Ronald Wimberley Undergraduate Student Paper* sponsored by the Community, Family, and Health Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society, 2015.
- April Israel, IDST Major, Thesis Title: *The Business of Nutrition: How Business and Nutrition in the United States have grown significantly further apart since massive consolidation across the global agrifood industry, and potential solutions to combat its spread*. Primary Advisor: Bob Nicholson, Secondary Advisor: E. Ransom. 2013-2014.
- Jasper Gunn, IDST Major, Thesis Title: *Permaculture and Intersectional Social Justice: Agrifood, Nature Religions, and the Problem of Appropriation*, Secondary Advisor. Primary Advisor: L. McWhorter, Secondary Advisor: E. Ransom. 2012-2013.
- Long Trinh, Sociology Honors, Thesis Title: *Masculinity in the Virtual World of Video Game: A Question of Agency*, Primary Advisor: J. Hass, Secondary Advisor: E. Ransom. 2012-2013.

Carly Vendegna Ramirez, Center for Civic Engagement Burhans Civic Fellowship, Mentor. Internship with Growing Power, Chicago, Illinois. 2009.  
Josh Huffines, Department of Sociology, University of Richmond, Arts & Sciences Summer Research Fellowship. 2008.  
Marion Phillips, Department of Sociology, University of Richmond. Research Practicum 2008. “Blowing the Whistle on Discrimination: Analysis of Discrimination Toward Basketball Referees.” Phillips presented her research at the A&S Undergraduate Student Symposium, University of Richmond, April 18, 2008.  
Emily Jenchura, Psychology Department, Thesis title: *Visual Cues in Highlighting Underdogs*. Primary Advisor: S. Allison, Secondary Advisor: E. Ransom. 2007-08.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **University of Richmond Committees**

NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), February 2015-2018.  
Planning and Priorities Committee, 2016-2018.  
Institutional Review Board Member, 2014–2015 (department alternate 2015 – 2018).  
International Education Committee, 2013–2015.  
Faculty Athletic Committee, August 2008–2011.  
Member, Athletic Excellence Working Group, 2010–2011.

### **University of Richmond Arts & Sciences Committees**

Dean’s Advisory Council, 2016-2018.  
University Faculty Council Member, 2014–2015.

### **University of Richmond, Department of Sociology and Anthropology Committees**

Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Faculty Position in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2017.  
Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2016–2017.  
Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Faculty Position in Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2016.  
Search Committee Member for Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2014–2015.  
Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2012–13.  
Co-Chair, End of Year Celebration for Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and Criminal Justice program, 2010–2014.  
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society Chapter Representative, 2011–present.  
Co-Chair, Sociology & Anthropology Department Speaker Series, 2009–2011.  
Search Committee Member and Diversity Advocate, Department of Sociology, 2008–2009.

### **Other University of Richmond Service**

Dean's Advisory Council, Dean of International Education, 2016 – 2018.

Co-leader with the Dean of International Education, International Faculty Seminar to South Africa, 2017-2018.

Athletic Director Search Committee Member, Fall 2017.

Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee Member, 2015-2016.

Center for Civic Engagement Civic Fellows Selection Committee, 2015-2016.

One Book, One Campus Committee Member, 2014–2015.

International Study Abroad SIT Co-Advisor, 2010–2014.

Interim International Study Abroad SIT Advisor, 2007–2009.

Undeclared Student Advising, 2007–present.

Major Advising, 2007–present.

Chair, NCAA Student-Athlete Transfer Appeal Hearing, 2011.

Campus Fulbright Interviews Committee member, 2010-11, 2016-17.

Outside Committee Member for Geography Search Committee, fall 2006.

### **Professional Service**

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

- 2007-2010 RSS Representative to AAAS, Section X: Societal Impacts of Science and Engineering
- 2012-2015 RSS Representative to AAAS, Section K: Social, Economic and Political Sciences

International Sociological Association's Research Committee on the Sociology of Agriculture (RC-40)

- July 6-11, 2008, Co-Convener for International Rural Sociology Association, XII World Congress, Goyang, Korea. Working Group 14: *Scientific Discourse, Governance and the Agri-Food System*, Convenors: Elizabeth Ransom (University of Richmond), Gianluca Brunori (University of Pisa, Italy), and Masashi Tachikawa (Japan)
- 2005, Co-Organizer. Mini-Conference: "Agriculture Without Subsidies." Mini-conference for the RC-40 (International Sociological Association's Research Committee on the Sociology of Agriculture) held prior to the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, FL, August

Rural Sociological Society (RSS)

- 2011-2012, RSS Nominations Committee, Elected
- 2009-2011, Council Representative for Professional Communications Committee
- 2010, SAFRIG Graduate Student Research Paper Award Committee member
- 2009, Chair of SAFRIG Graduate Student Research Paper Award Committee
- 2006-2008, Elected Co-Chair, Agriculture and Food Research Interest Group (SAFRIG)
- 2008, Program Committee
- 2008, Nominations Committee, Appointed
- 2008, Chair of Session at RSS conference, Manchester, New Hampshire
- 2006, Chair of Session at RSS conference, Louisville, Kentucky
- 2005, Chair of Session at RSS conference, Tampa, Florida
- 2004, Chair of Session at RSS conference, Sacramento, California

- 2002, Chair and Discussant of Session at RSS conference, Chicago, Illinois  
Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)
  - 2013, Co-Organized with Tomiko Yamaguchi “Defining "Safety" Constructions of Safe Food, Water and the Environment,” two sessions. Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), San Diego, CA, October 9-12, 2013.
- Southern Sociological Society
- 2007-2008, Local Arrangements Committee for Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA
- Women in International Development Advisory Committee, Michigan State University, 2000-2001.
- Sociology Advisory Committee Graduate Representative, Michigan State University, 1994-1996.  
Treasurer and founding member of Sociologists for Women in Society, Michigan State University Chapter, 1995-1996.

### **Professional Society Offices and Editorships**

- Member, Committee on Genetically Engineered Crops National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences, 2014-2016.
- Associate Editor, Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems (Cambridge University Press), 2013-Present.
- Editorial Board Member, Rural Sociology (Wiley Blackwell Press), 2011-2013.
- Secretary (elected position), Rural Sociological Society, 2013-2016.
- Council Member (elected position), International Rural Sociological Association (IRSA), 2008-2012; 2012-2016.
- Council Member (elected position), International Sociological Association's Research Committee on the Sociology of Agriculture (RC-40), 2006-2010.
- Council Member (elected position), Rural Sociological Society, 2009-2011.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Sociological Association  
International Sociological Association's (ISA) Research Committee on the Sociology of Agriculture (RC-40)  
International Rural Sociological Association (IRSA)  
Rural Sociological Society

### **INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR RESEARCH**

- Botswana (2007, 2009, 2012), Namibia (2007, 2009, 2012, 2018), South Africa (1998, 2000-2001, 2007, 2009, 2018), Uganda (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)