

## JOHN C. CANFIELD

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### EDUCATION

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**University of Wisconsin-Madison** Madison, WI  
Sociology Ph.D. program August 2019 – Present  
Academic Advisors: Professor Michael Bell and Professor Katherine Curtis  
Preliminary Exams: Sociology of Economic Change and Development (August 2021); Agrofood Systems (January 2023)  
Graduate Minor: Culture History and the Environment  
Dissertation Title: Crossing the Boundaries of Capitalism and Community: Multistakeholder Networks and Collaborative Conservation in Montana's Northern Great Plains

**Auburn University** Auburn, AL  
M.S., Rural Sociology May 2019  
Thesis title: The Corporation and the DNA of Farmland Financialization  
Academic Advisor: Professor Loka Ashwood

**Sewanee: The University of the South** Sewanee, TN  
B.A., *cum laude* May 2016  
Majors: Philosophy, *Honors* and *Distinction*. Environmental Studies, *Honors* and *Distinction*.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Graduate Project Assistant** | University of Wisconsin-Madison, Professor Nan Enstad January 2025 – Present  
**Graduate Teaching Assistant** | University of Wisconsin-Madison September 2021 – December 2024  
**Graduate Project Assistant** | University of Wisconsin-Madison, Professor Katherine Curtis June 2022 – August 2022  
**Graduate Research Assistant** | University of Wisconsin-Madison, Professor Katherine Curtis September 2019 – September 2021  
**Graduate Research Assistant** | Auburn University, Professor Loka Ashwood August 2017 – August 2019  
**Systems and Programs Coordinator** | AmeriCorps VISTA, Sewanee, TN August 2016 – August 2017

### PUBLICATIONS

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- **John Canfield.** 2024. "Saving the Wild or Saving the Cowboy? Cultural Conflict Between the Old and Nouveau West." *Rural Sociology* 89(4): 954-974. doi: 10.1111/ruso.12572.
  - Ashwood, Loka, Andrew Pilny, **John Canfield**, Mariyam Jamila, and Ryan Thomson. 2022. "The Big Finance of Big Ag: A Market Network Approach to Power in Agriculture." *Agriculture and Human Values*. 39:1421–1434 doi: 10.1007/s10460-022-10348.
  - Ashwood, Loka, **John Canfield** (co-first author), Madeleine Fairbairn, and Kathryn De Master. 2022. "What Owns the Land: The Corporate Organization of Farmland Investment." *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 49(2): 233-262. doi: 10.1080/03066150.2020.1786813.
  - **Canfield, John C.**, Karl Galloway, and Loka Ashwood. 2020. "Rural Estrangement: Roadblocks and Roundabouts to Justice." In *The Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology*, edited by K. Legun, J. Keller, M. Bell, & M. Carolan, Cambridge University Press. doi: 10.1017/9781108554510.028

### RECENT PRESENTATIONS

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- **John Canfield.** "Networks of People, Plants, and Animals: Using Participatory Network Mapping to Explore Community-Based Conservation." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, Utah. July 2025
  - **John Canfield.** "Exploring Community-Based Ecological Restoration through Participatory Network Mapping" America's Grasslands Conference. Kearney, Nebraska. June 2025
  - **John Canfield.** "Classwork: Rural Gentrification and Changing Class Structures in Montana's Northern Great Plains" Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Madison, Wisconsin. July 2024

- **John Canfield.** “The Jingle, the Rumble, and the Roar: Jam Sessions, Placemaking, and the Joys of Transcendence” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Madison, Wisconsin. July 2024
- **John Canfield, Danielle Schmidt, and Katherine J. Curtis.** “Public Land Anxieties in the Western United States” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Madison, Wisconsin. July 2024
- **John Canfield.** “Resilient Restoration Through Multistakeholder Networks” Matador Ranch Science and Land Management Symposium. Dodson, Montana. June 2024
- **John Canfield.** “The Jingle, the Rumble, and the Roar: Music, Jam Sessions, and the Construction of Place.” Community and Environmental Sociology Working Group. Madison, Wisconsin. September 2023
- **John Canfield.** “Saving the Wild or Saving the Cowboy? Cultural Conflict between the Old and Nouveau West.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Burlington, Vermont. August 2023
- **John Canfield.** “Space, Capital, and the State: Nineteenth Century Development and Wisconsin’s Milwaukee Road.” Center for Culture, History, and the Environment Colloquium. Madison, Wisconsin. April 2023
- **John Canfield, Katherine J. Curtis, and Danielle Schmidt.** “Saving the Wild or Saving the Cowboy? Environmental Politics and Property in Montana’s Northern Great Plains.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Westminster, Colorado. August 2022
- Curtis, Katherine J., **John Canfield,** and Danielle Schmidt. “‘Save the Cowboy’: Large-Scale Conservation and Early-Stage Rural Gentrification in a Western Agricultural Community.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Online. July 2021
- **John Canfield, Loka Ashwood, Ryan Thomson, and Mariyam Jamila.** “Proprietors, Creditors, and the Powering of Pork” American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. Online. April 2021
- Ashwood, Loka, Ryan Thomson, **John Canfield,** and Mariyam Jamila. “Corporate Tied and Credit Bound: The Power of Pork Production.” Yale Big Ag and Anti-Trust Conference. Online. January 2021

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

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Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society	August 2025
Graduate Student Paper Award, Natural Resources Research and Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society	August 2023
Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award, Auburn University	April 2020
State Research Assistantship, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison	September 2019 – 2020
Departmental Nominee, Outstanding Master’s Student, Auburn University	April 2019

## GRANTS RECEIVED

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Recipient, The Garden Club of America’s Fellowship in Ecological Restoration (\$8,000) The Garden Club of America	Summer 2024
Recipient, Center for Culture, History, and the Environment’s Graduate Student Grant (\$2,700) Center for Culture, History, and the Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Summer 2024
Recipient, Crowe Scholarship for Dissertation Research Award (\$5,000) Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Summer 2023
Recipient, Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems Mini-Grant (\$3,000) Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Summer 2023
Recipient, Center for Culture, History, and the Environment’s Graduate Student Grant (\$2,500) Center for Culture, History, and the Environment, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Summer 2023
Recipient Crowe Scholarship for Pre-Dissertation Research Award (\$2,500) Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Summer 2022

## SERVICE

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Co-Leader, Spatial Thinking Working Group, University of Wisconsin-Madison	January 2023 – May 2023
Student Representative, Center for Culture, History, and the Environment’s Place-Based Planning Committee Workshop,	

Student Representative, Natural Resources Research and Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society August 2021 – 2022  
 Cohort Representative, UW-Madison Sociology Graduate Student Association September 2019 – November 2021  
 Senator, Auburn University Graduate Student Union August 2018 – May 2019

## AFFILIATIONS

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Member, Rural Sociological Society	January 2018-Present
Member, American Sociological Association	June 2025-Present
Member, Society for Ecological Restoration	June 2025-Present
Member, American Association of Geographers	January 2018-December 2022
Graduate Student Associate, Center for Culture, History, and the Environment,	September 2020-Present
Member, Rural Resilience Research Group, University of Wisconsin-Madison	September 2020-Present
Member, Soil Health and Agroecological Living Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison	September 2024-Present
Graduate Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison	September 2021-May 2022