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**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

2006 Ph.D. Washington State University, Sociology  
1999 M.A. University of New Orleans, Sociology  
1996 B.A. University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Sociology & Psychology

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

8/2015 – present	Teaching Associate Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham Director of Undergraduate Sociology Program
8/2013 – 2015	Teaching Assistant Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham Director of Undergraduate Sociology Program
8/2012 – 7/2013	Visiting Teaching Assistant Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham Director of Undergraduate Sociology Program
8/2011 – 5/2012	Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of North Texas Director of Undergraduate Sociology Program (Spring 2012)
8/2007 – 5/2011	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Dakota State University
10/2006 – 8/2007	Post-Doctoral Researcher, Office of Applied Gerontology in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, UW-Milwaukee
9/2006 – 8/2007	Lecturer, Department of Sociology, UW-Milwaukee
6/2006 – 12/2007	Part-Time Instructor, Waukesha County Technical College
1/2005 – 9/2006	Associate Researcher, Office of Applied Gerontology in the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare, UW-Milwaukee
8/2004 – 5/2006	Associate Lecturer, Department of Sociology, UW-Milwaukee
5/2004 – 12/2004	Research Assistant, Great Lakes WATER Institute, UW-Milwaukee
8/2000 – 12/2003	Graduate Instructor, Sociology, Washington State University
8/1999 – 5/2000	Teaching Assistant, Sociology, Washington State University
8/1998 – 5/1999	Statistics Lab Instructor, Sociology, University of New Orleans
1/1998 – 5/1998	Research Assistant, Sociology, University of New Orleans

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

Undergraduate

SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 120: Introduction to Social Psychology  
SOC 235: Sociology of Religion  
SOC 245: Contemporary Social Problems  
SOC 310: Sociological Literacy (Spring 2016)  
SOC 316: Popular Culture  
SOC 405: Mind, Self, and Society  
SOC 410: Social Statistics  
SOC 410L: Social Statistics Lab  
SOC 431: Environmental Sociology  
SOC 469: Sociology of Aging

SOC 488: Sociological Practice  
SOC 489: The Research Experience  
SOC 489L: The Research Experience Lab  
SOC 492: Sociology of Consumption  
SOC 492: Sociology of Emotion

Graduate Instruction

SOC 713: Introduction to Applied Sociological Research Methods

**RESEARCH INTEREST**

Environmental and Consumer Identities  
Community Perception of Wind Energy  
Socialization of Environmentalism Identities  
and Social Structure

**GRANTS and CONTRACTS**

- 2009 Environment and Conservation Science Grant** - *NDSU internal grant* – pilot project support for collaborative research on wind energy in North Dakota. Co-PI (w/ Dr. Erin Gilliam) -\$7,000
- 2009 Alzheimer’s Association Network of Wisconsin** – *Contract Evaluation/Community Service*, “Quality Assurance and the Dementia Specialist Program” – PI \$8,000.
- 2007 Alzheimer’s Association Network of Wisconsin** – *Contract Evaluation/Community Service*, “Evaluating Dementia Specialist Program” – PI \$11,000.
- 2007 UW Medical School Community-Academic Partnership Fund** – *The Wisconsin Partnership Fund for a Healthy Future* – “Improving Access to Quality Dementia Services in Underserved Rural Wisconsin Communities, Proposal 2005I-035, Wisconsin Chapters of the Alzheimer’s Association.” Co-PI \$960,000.
- 2006 Administration on Aging** – *Non-Competitive Grant Awards* – “Development of the Training Research Institute.” Research Scientist/Project Director. \$293,731.

*Submitted (not funded):*

- 2013 Alzheimer’s and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin** - *Contract Evaluation/Community Service*, “Evaluation of the Dementia Specialist Training Program” - \$12,000
- 2009 Department of Defense: Legacy Resource Management Program.** -*A cooperative conservation approach to recovery of a federally listed species, the Mohave tui chub (Siphateles bicolor mohavensis).* Co-PI (Stockwell, C., CF Biga, M. Clark, R. Hearne, B. Saini-Eidukat.) (\$164,723)
- 2008 Department of Defense: Legacy Resource Management Program.** -*A cooperative conservation approach to recovery of a federally listed species, the Mohave tui chub (Siphateles bicolor mohavensis).* Co-PI (Stockwell, C., CF Biga, M. Clark, R. Hearne, B. Saini-Eidukat.) (\$187,263)
- 2007 ND EPSCoR RII program** -*Global Change the effects of climate change will have on Upper Great Plains to the ND.* Co-PI (M Otte, W Lin, P Oduor, L Cihacek, D Hopkins, CF Biga and B Rundquist).

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Refereed Journal Articles:*

Stets, JE. and CF Biga. 2003. “Bringing Identity Theory into Environmental Sociology.” *Sociological Theory*. 21(4): 398-423.

*In Process:*

Biga, CF. (*in process*) “Exploring Causes of Environmentally Significant Individual Behaviors: Shared Meanings of Multiple Identities.” *Invited Book Chapter, Identity Conference- University of California Riverside*

Bicknell, L, CF Biga (*in process*). “Community Perceptions of Wind Energy in North Dakota.” *Energy*

*Policy.*

Bicknell, L, CF Biga (*in process*). "Proximity and Public Opinion of Wind Farms: An Analysis of the Astabula Wind Complex." *Energy Policy*.

*Reports:*

Biga, CF. 2007. "Evaluation of the Dementia Specialist Program: Offered by the Wisconsin Chapters of the Alzheimer's Association". *Report to the Wisconsin Chapters of the Alzheimer's Association*. Consultant for the Center on Age and Community, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Biga, CF. 2011. "Evaluation of the Dementia Specialist Program II: Offered by the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin." *Report to the Wisconsin Chapters of the Alzheimer's Association*.

*Encyclopedia Articles:*

Coward, RT, CW Peek, and CF Biga. 2008. "Elders." Pp. 309-312 in *Encyclopedia of Rural America: The Land and People*. Grey House Publishing: Millerton, NY.

*Instructional Literature:*

Biga, CF and JJ Schlichtman. 2012. "Urban and Environmental Sociology." in *Introduction to Sociology: A Collaborative Approach, Third Edition* edited by B. Roncace. Ashbury Publishing. San Francisco, CA.

Biga, CF and M Shelly. 2010. "Urban and Environmental Sociology." in *Introduction to Sociology: A Collaborative Approach, Second Edition* edited by B. Roncace. Ashbury Publishing. San Francisco, CA

Biga, CF. 2010. *PowerPoint Presentation for Social Research Methods: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches, 7/E*. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.

Biga, CF and M Shelly. 2009. "Urban and Environmental Sociology." Pp. 361-391 in *Introduction to Sociology: A Collaborative Approach*, edited by B. Roncace. Ashbury Publishing. San Francisco, CA

Biga, CF. 2008. *PowerPoint Presentation for Basics of Social Research: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches, 2/E*. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.

Biga, CF. 2008. *PowerPoint Presentation for Social Research Methods: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches, 6/E*. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.

Biga, CF and WL Neuman. 2006. *Instructor's Manual and Test Bank for Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, 6/E*. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.

Biga, CF and WL Neuman. 2006. *TestGen EQ: Computerized Test Bank for Social Research Methods: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches, 6/E*. New York: Pearson Education, Inc.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Biga, CF. 2014. "Explaining Environmentally Significant Individual Behavior: Shared Meanings of Multiple Identities." Identity Conference, University of California, Riverside.

Biga, CF. 2009. "Explaining Environmentally Significant Individual Behavior: Shared Meanings of Multiple Identities." *Midwest Sociological Society*. Des Moines, IA (canceled presentation due to blizzard).

Taylor, C and CF Biga. 2009. "Community Perceptions of the Kinnickinnic River." *Rural Sociological Society*, Madison, WI.

Biga, CF. 2007. "Measuring Caregiver Identity and its Association with Caregiver Burden." *Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.

Rowe, JM, CF Biga, and MY Savundranayagam. 2006. "Linking Research and Practice: The League of Experienced Family Caregivers and the Training Research Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee." National Association of Social Workers, Wisconsin Chapter 32nd Annual State Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Biga, CF. 2002. "Environment and Gender Identities." *Social Science Association*: New Orleans, LA.

Biga, CF and JE Stets. 2002. "Bringing Identity Theory into Environmental Sociology." *Pacific Sociological Association*: Vancouver, BC.

Biga, CF. 2000. "Attitudes towards Authority on Environmental Attitudes." *Pacific Sociological Association*: San Diego, CA.

## MENTORSHIP

### *MS committee chair*

**Courtney Taylor (NDSU - NRM)** completed her MS in the Spring 2009. Ms. Taylor's thesis investigated the community perceptions of two diverse communities surrounding the Kinnickinnic River in Milwaukee, WI. Five focus groups, conducted in 2005 by Chris Biga, were transcribed and analyzed.

**Boubacar Hassane (NDSU - NRM)** completed his MS in the Spring 2010. Mr. Hassane's thesis investigated the influence ecotourism has had on the community of Ely, MN from a community capital framework.

**Carl Petersen (NDSU - NRM)** completed his MS in the Fall 2010. Mr. Peterson thesis is investigating the Energy Efficiency Practices in North Dakota. Funded by the ND Department of Commerce, Mr. Peters evaluated the current building practices in ND. He will also be investigating the social dynamics of these practices, investigating perceived power and responsibilities of homeowners, real estate agents, builders and state agencies in the area of energy efficiency practices.

**Lucas (Swanholm) Bicknell (NDSU - ECS)** completed his MS Summer 2011. Mr. Bicknell's thesis is multidisciplinary, integrating the dimensions of ecology and sociology. Mr. Bicknell will be investigating the effects wind energy has on bat migration, as well as, how animal valuation influences perceptions of wind energy potential. I co-chair Mr. Bicknell's thesis committee with Dr. Erin Gillam of the Department of Biological Sciences.

### *MS committee member*

**Brian Fier (NRM)** – Spring 2010

**Kendra Erickson (SOC)** – Fall 2010

**Stephanie Paavola (NRM)** – Spring 2011

### *PhD committee member*

**Sio-Wa Ho - (GERO)** – Spring 2009

**Shelly Stowman (COMM)** – Fall 2010

## SERVICE

### *University of Alabama at Birmingham*

**Director of the Undergraduate Sociology Program (2012-present):** As director of the undergraduate program, my primary responsibility is to direct, develop and manage the undergraduate sociology program. Specifically, I assist the department chair in producing report for the college on the dynamics and growth of the undergraduate program. I schedule all undergraduate classes, promote the undergraduate program at university function (Honor's Day, etc), and meet and advise sociology majors/minor.

**Gay/Straight Student Alliance (GSSA) (2013-present):** Faculty advisor for the UAB GSSA. This is a student run organization meeting the needs of the LGBTQ student community. Specifically, I serve as a resource for the students of GSSA, and mediate any concerns/issues that may arise in the group.

**Safe Zone Advisory Board (2013-present):** Work with other faculty, students, and staff to develop and provide Safe Zone training to UAB faculty and staff, including serving as panel speaker.

**African American Studies Curriculum Committee (2013-2014):** Worked with other faculty in an advisory role in the development of the new undergraduate curriculum for African American Studies majors.

**African American Studies Hiring Committee (2014):** Worked with other faculty in the hiring of an Assistant Teaching Professor position.

**Pre-Health Advisory Committee (2014-present):** Work with other faculty and staff in an advisory role to guide undergraduate students in the Pre-Health disciplines.

**Sustainability Major Workgroup (2013-present):** Working with other faculty and staff to develop (and feasibility of) a undergraduate program in sustainability.

**LGBT Issues Working Group (2013-2014):** Working with the Associate Provost, faculty, staff, and students on identifying and addressing issues and concerns of the LGBTQ community at UAB.

*University of North Texas*

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*North Dakota State University*

**Environmental and Conservation Science Steering Committee (2008 - 2011):** I represent the social sciences that have a stake in the ECS program, review graduate applicants, champion social dimensions of environmental problems, and encourage monies to support social science students in the ECS program.

**National Teach-In (2008 - 2011):** National Teach-In is a nationwide yearly event, held in February to increase awareness of global warming as a social problem and discussion of possible solutions from many disciplines. I cosponsored the National Teach-In at NDSU with Dr. Wei Lin during the 2008 and 2009 Teach-in. For the 2010 event, I was lead faculty sponsor, organizing 12 speakers from NDSU, MSUM and public professionals.

**First-Year Experience (2008 - 2009):** is a faculty-mentoring program for freshmen living in on-campus housing. I mentored a freshman floor (Johnson Hall 3rd Floor) for 18 months (Jan 08-Aug 09).

**NDSU Cycling Club (2009 - 2011):** Faculty sponsor of the NDSU cycling club. This is a student run organization and we provide advice and direction to increasing membership and sponsorship.

**Sustainability Task Force (2008, 2010 -2011):** University committee delegated with the responsibility of advancing sustainability at NDSU.

## REFERENCES

### **Dr. William Cockerham**

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