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EDUCATION

MA	Sociology University at Buffalo, Buffalo NY	2024
BA	Sociology, cum laude Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva NY	2021

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Sociology, Urban Sociology, Historical Sociology, Political Ecology, Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Adams, Jonas. 2025. "Becoming Uniquely Urban: A Small City's Socio-Environmental Development Since 1945." *City & Community*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15356841251341260>

WORKING PAPERS

Adams, Jonas. "Repaving Paradise: Ordinary Roads as Extraordinary Artifacts of Urban-Ecological Transformation." [Dissertation]

Adams, Jonas, and Nicholas Tucker Reyes. "No Toxic Tunnel: Mobilizing Environmental Laws in Local Negotiations of Urban Redevelopment"

Adams, Jonas, Jordan Fox, and Patrick Greiner. "Where does Environmental Sociological Data come from, really? A Review of Existing Literature and an Argument for a Post-Positivist Agenda"

Adams, Jonas and Ervin Kosta. "Nature's Downtown: Regional Landscape Revalorization and Small City Growth in the Rustbelt"

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024

Good Citizen Award, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Department of Sociology and Criminology

2023

Cornell-ILR Buffalo Co-Lab, Childcare Research Fellowship, University at Buffalo Research Foundation (\$5,000)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Professional Meetings

2025

“No Toxic Tunnel: Legal Mobilization and Growth Politics in Buffalo, NY’s Kensington Highway Redevelopment.” Law & Society Association (LSA) annual meeting. Chicago, IL

“Where does Environmental Sociological data come from, really? A Review of Existing Literature and an Argument for a Post-Positivist Agenda” American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting. Chicago, IL.

2024

“The Uniquely Local City of Visitors: Media Reimaginings of City Experiences and Community for Growth.” Community and Urban Sociology Section (CUSS) of the American Sociological Association (ASA) virtual mini conference: Building Communities in Research and Practice.

“Uniquely Urban? A Small City’s Socio-Environmental Development Since 1945.” American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting. Montreal, QC.

2023

“Producing Environmental Ignorance in Urban Change Processes.” American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

Invited and Departmental Talks

2025

“No Toxic Tunnel: Legal Mobilization and Growth Politics in Buffalo, NY’s Kensington Highway Redevelopment.” Perspectives on Urban Life, Society, and Environment (PULSE). Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

2024

“The Uniquely Local City of Visitors: Media Representations of City Experiences and Community for Growth.” Urban Works-In-Progress (UWIP) Group. Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

“Becoming Uniquely Urban: A Small City’s Socio-Environmental Development Since 1945.” Graduate Student Research Symposium. Department of Sociology and Criminology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

2022

“Development, Modernism, and Collaborative Design.” Invited guest Lecture in Creative Collaborations: Social Design and Management. Department of Retail Design, ELISAVA School of Design and Engineering; Barcelona, Spain.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo, SUNY, Department of Sociology and Criminology

Instructor of Record

Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2024, Winter 2025, Summer 2025, Winter 2026)

Cinematic Sociology (Fall 2024)

Sociology of City Life (Spring 2025)

Social Research Methods (Fall 2025)

Teaching Assistant

Social Change (Fall 2022)

Classical Sociological Theory (Spring 2023)

Cinematic Sociology (Spring 2023)

Environment and Society (Fall 2023)

Crime and Popular Culture (Fall 2023)

Criminal Justice Systems (Spring 2024)

Gender and Crime (Spring 2024)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022

Editor to Dr. Carmen Malvar

“Collaborative Social Design with Mexican Indigenous Communities: Critical Craft and Transformative Practices.” [Link.](#)

2023

Research Assistant to Dr. Veronica Horowitz

Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Research Assistant to Dr. Christopher Mele

Baldy Law and Policy Center, University at Buffalo, SUNY

“Documenting Chester: The Story of Environmental Justice in Chester, PA.” [Link.](#)

Research Assistant at the Community Research Foundation

Cornell-UB Co-Lab, Buffalo, NY

“The Status of Childcare in New York State.” [Link.](#)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2023 – Present

Reviewer, *Human Ecology Review*

2025

Session Organizer, “Urban Sociology Regular Session,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

2025

Session President, “Agents and Structures of Urban Change,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

2025

University at Buffalo, SUNY

Moderator; Department of Sociology at 100: Celebrating Our Place in WNY

Elected Positions**2023 – 2024**

University at Buffalo, SUNY

Vice President; Sociology Graduate Student Association

2024 – 2025

University at Buffalo, SUNY

President; Sociology Graduate Student Association

2023 – 2025

University at Buffalo, SUNY

Graduate Student Liaison; Department of Sociology and Criminology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2022-Present

American Sociological Association (ASA); Sections: Community and Urban Sociology, Environmental Sociology