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## Education

- 2013 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.  
Dissertation: "A Club Apple Society: What this New Economic organization Says about the Nature of Markets" Committee: Michael Bell (Chair), Jane Collins, Jess Gilbert, Joe Conti, Keith Woodward  
Qualifying Exams: Environmental Sociology, Economic Sociology
- 2008 M.A. Sociology, University of British Columbia.
- 2005 B.A. Sociology, University of British Columbia.

## Current Position

- 2013- Lecturer (Confirmation path), Department of Sociology, Gender and Social Work, and Research Affiliate at the Centre for Sustainability  
University of Otago, New Zealand

## Publications

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2017 Rosin, Chris, **Legun, Katharine**, Sautier, Marion and Hugh Campbell.  
From Compliance to Co- Production: emergent forms of agency in Sustainable Wine Production in New Zealand. *Environment and Planning A*, AOI
- 2017 **Legun, Katharine**. Desires, Sorted: Massive Modern packing Lines in an Era of Affective Food Markets. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 52: 110-117.
- 2017 Alrøe, Hugo F., Sautier, Marion, **Legun, Katharine**, Whitehead, Jay, Noe, Egon, Moller, Henrik, and Jon Manhire. Performance versus Values in Sustainability Transformation of Food Systems. *Sustainability* 9(3): 332-363.
- 2016 **Legun, Katharine**, and Michael Bell. The second middle: Conducers and the agrifood economy. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 48, 104-114.
- 2016 de Olde, Evelien. ... **Legun, Katharine** ... Manhire, Jon. When experts disagree: The need to rethink indicator selection for assessing sustainability of agriculture. *Environment, Development & Sustainability*: 1-16
- 2015 **Legun, Katharine**. Tiny trees for trendy produce: Dwarfing technologies as assemblage actors in orchard economies. *Geoforum* 65, 314-322.
- 2015 **Legun, Katharine**. Club apples: a biology of markets built on the social life of variety. *Economy and Society*, 44(2): 293-315

- 2011 **Legun, Katharine**. Cultivating Institutions: Organic Agriculture and Integrative Economic Choice. *Society & Natural Resources: An International Journal*, 24(5), 455-468

### Book Chapters

- .... **Legun Katharine** (Forthcoming) "Plant Patent Geo-Politics & the Growth of NZ Apples" for *Getting to Market* (Pawson and Perkins, eds) Auckland University Press
- .... Burch, Karly, **Legun, Katharine** and Hugh Campbell (Forthcoming) "Not Defined by the Numbers: Distinction, Dissent and Democratic Possibilities in Debating the Data" in Forney, Rosin and Campbell (eds) *Agri-environmental governance as an assemblage: multiplicity, power, and transformation*, Routledge
- ... **Legun, Katharine** and Michael Bell (In Press) "Environmental Sociology" in Javier Trevino (ed) *Investigating Social Problems (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed)*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE
- 2016 **Legun, Katharine**. "Ever-Redder Apples: How Aesthetics Shape the Biology of Markets." In Le Heron, Campbell, Marsden and Carolan, (eds.) Routledge
- 2014 Bell, Michael and **Katharine Legun** "Environmental Sociology" in Javier Trevino (ed) *Investigating Social Problems*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE

### Editorial

- ... **Legun, Katharine**, Keller, Julie, Bell, Michael and Michael Carolan (Under contract) *Cambridge Handbook of Environmental Sociology*
- 2017 Henry, Matthews and **Katharine Legun** (2017). The Post Human Turn in Agri-food, Special Issue. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 52
- 2017 **Legun, Katharine** and Matthew Henry (2017). Introduction to the special issue on the post-human turn in agri-food studies: Thinking about things from the office to the page. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 52: 77-80

### Manuscripts in preparation

- ... **Legun, Katharine** and Marion Sautier (Revisions in preparation) "Sustainability programs and deliberative democracy: the case of sustainable winegrowing in New Zealand," *Agriculture and Human Values*
- ... Sautier, Marion, **Legun, Katharine**, Campbell, Hugh, and Chris Rosin (Under Review). Sustainability: a tool for governing wine production in New Zealand? *Journal of Cleaner Production*

## Conference Participation

- 2018 **Legun, Katharine**, Fairbairn, Madeleine, and Zenia Kish. Special session organizers, "Techno-politics in Agriculture and Food Under (and After?) Capitalism" scheduled to be presented at the International Sociological Association Congress, Toronto, Canada
- 2017 **Legun, Katharine**. Biologies/Varieties/ Plant-power: the creative economic work of apples, tomatoes, and hops" presented at Valuing Life: Measurements, Stakes and Implications, Wageningen, Netherlands
- 2016 **Legun, Katharine**, Sautier, Marion and Hugh Campbell. "The Side-Effects of Sustainability Audits" presented at the International Rural Sociological Association meetings, Toronto, Canada
- 2016 **Legun, Katharine**. "Sorted Stuff and Foodie Filters: Making Aesthetics for the Modern Food Market " presented at the International Rural Sociological Association meetings, Toronto, Canada
- 2015 **Legun, Katharine**. "Tiny Trees for Trendy Produce: Technologies of Customisation and Flexible Specialization in Modern Apple Orchards" presented in a regular session at the American Sociological Association, Chicago, USA.
- 2015 **Legun, Katharine**. "Club Apples and Plant-Power in Future Food Economies" presented at the Association of American Geographers, Chicago, USA.
- 2014 **Legun, Katharine**. "Massive Modern Packing Lines in an Era of Affected Food Markets" presented at Agri-Food XXI. Sydney, Australia
- 2013 **Legun, Katharine** "Ever Redder Apples: How Aesthetics Shape the Biology of Markets" presented at Agri-Food XX. Melbourne, Australia
- 2012 **Legun, Katharine**. "From cultural materials to clubs in the US apple industry" presented Agri-Food XIX. Massey University, New Zealand
- 2012 **Legun, Katharine**. "A Club Apple Society: The biosocial impacts of economic institutions and the materiality of markets" presented at the Joint Interim Conference of ISA RC02 "Economy and Society" and ESA Economic Sociology Research Network. Moscow, Russia.
- 2011 **Legun, Katharine**. "Why are club apples emerging in the apple industry? A political economy of institutional responses to market uncertainty and instability" presented at the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Boise, USA.

## **Awards and Funding**

- 2014-2018      The Ministry for Businesses, Innovation and Employment (MBIE, NZ),  
"Sustainability Dashboard Project" (<http://www.nzdashboard.org.nz>),  
Social Pillar Leader
- 2017              Otago CALT Grant, "Environmental literacy, global perspective and social  
responsibility: key learning-outcomes?" Assessing the application of  
graduate student attributes across nine divisions at Otago, in  
collaboration with 17 staff members
- 2015              University of Otago (NZ) Research Grant "Club Apples: Co-operatively  
Owned Patented Apple Varieties in an International Context,"
- 2012-2013      National Science Foundation (USA), Doctoral Dissertation Improvement  
Grant, "A Club Apple Society: What this New Economic organization Says  
about the Nature of Markets"
- 2009 -2012      Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada), Doctoral  
Fellowship, "Cultivating Institutions: Relationships between landscapes  
and the organization of economic markets"
- 2012              International Sociological Association RC02 "Economy and Society",  
Graduate Student Paper Award, "A Club Apple Society: The Biosocial  
Impacts of Economic Institutions and Materiality of Markets"

## **Teaching**

### **Main Areas: Environmental Sociology, Social Theory**

- 2013-present      Lecturer and Course Coordinator for Theories of Social Power - 3<sup>rd</sup> year  
undergraduate, Otago
- 2015- present      Lecturer and Course Coordinator for Environmental Sociology - 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
undergraduate, Otago
- 2014              Lecturer and Course Coordinator for Environmental Sociology - graduate,  
Otago
- 2014 - present      Co-teacher for Environment and Society - 1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate, Otago
- 2014 – present      Co-teacher for Sociological Theory - 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate, Otago
- 2017 – present      Co-teacher for Science, Technology and Society - 2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate,  
Otago
- 2011              Lecturer for Human Sexuality, (1<sup>st</sup> year undergraduate), University  
of Wisconsin-Madison

## **Supervision**

- PhD              Rudi Kresna (co-supervisor, current)  
Katharine Cresswell Riol (co-supervisor, current)  
Karly Burch (co-supervisor, current)  
Erika Szymanski (co-supervisor, graduated)

MA Abbigale Virens (co-supervisor, current)  
Elizabeth Simmons (co-supervisor, current)  
Madeleine Hall (co-supervisor, graduated)

### Service and Outreach

2017 Panel Organizer, Environmental Responsibility at the University, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>,  
University of Otago, in collaboration with Dr Manuel Vallee (Auck),  
2017 Workshop Mentor, Agrifood XXIV Preconference Workshop, Nov 28-30<sup>th</sup>,  
Bandung, Indonesia  
2017–present Australasian regional representative, RC-40: Research Committee on  
Agriculture and Food, International Sociological Association  
2017–present Executive Committee Member, Sociological Association of Aotearoa New  
Zealand  
2013–present Social Committee, Department of Sociology, Gender, Social Work,  
University of Otago  
2013–present Department Seminar Committee, Department of Sociology, Gender, Social  
Work, University of Otago  
2013–2015 Collective member, Dunedin Free University  
2015 Conference Committee, Agri-food 2015, Queenstown, NZ  
2015–2017 Humanities Representative, Tertiary Education Union  
2014 Guest on radio show, “Culture Jamming” Dunedin 91fm  
2014 Guest on radio show, “Sustainable Lens,” Dunedin 105.4fm

### Invited Talks

2017 Invited talk, Youth for SDGs, ‘Know your Goals, Special Lecture on  
Sustainable Development Goals,’ University of Otago  
2017 Invited seminar, Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford  
2017 Invited workshop participation, Anthropology, University of  
Amsterdam  
2015 Invited lecture, Department of Geography, Massey University

### Reviews

2011 -present Reviews provided for *Society and Natural Resources*, *Journal of  
Rural Studies*, *Human Ecology Review*, *Gastronomica*,  
*Agriculture and Human Values*  
2016 Review provided for *Assembling Neoliberalism*, Higgins and  
Larner (eds) NY: Palgrave