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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2002. Michigan State University, Sociology; Specialties: Rural and Environmental Sociology, International Development, Sociology of Agrifood Systems  
M.A. 1992. Ohio University, International Affairs/Latin American Studies  
B.S. 1987. Southern Illinois University, 1987; Economics/Finance

### EMPLOYMENT RECORD

- 7/07 – Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas  
8/01 – 7/07: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas  
8/99 – 5/01: Research Assistant, Institute for Food and Agricultural Standards, Michigan State University  
8/93 – 5/99: Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University  
8/93 – 12/93: Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University  
6/93 – 9/93: Project Supervisor, Visions International, British Virgin Islands  
6/92 – 8/92: Project Assistant, Brazil and Fulbright Projects, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio  
4/92 – 6/92: Public Information Specialist, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Athens, Ohio  
4/88 – 10/90: Peace Corps, Ministry of Natural Resources, Honduras

### FUNDED RESEARCH

#### *Extramural Grants Funded*

- Co-Principal Investigator. 2008-2010. “The Biofuels Revolution: Understanding the Social, Cultural and Economic Impacts of Biofuels Development on Rural Communities.” [Funded by the US Department of Energy’s Ethical Legal and Social Implications (ELSI) Program. \$696,140 over three years].  
Principal Investigator. 2007-09. “Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in Local Food Systems in the Heartland.” \$75,000. [Funded by USDA’s North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE) – Professional Development Program].  
Principal Investigator. 2002-06. “Agrarian Landscapes in Transition: A Cross-Scale Approach.” \$31,700. [PI on local component of National Science Foundation Biocomplexity grant; Co-Investigator and Executive Committee on the larger project].  
Co-Investigator. 2002-04. “Konza Prairie LTER V: Long-Term Research on Grassland Dynamics and Global Change.” \$15,000. [Component of NSF grant for Konza LTER].

Co-Principal Investigator. 1997-98. "Formulating Agricultural Technology Policy in a Changing Context: Experiences of Institutional Change in Latin America." International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR), \$10,000.

### ***Intramural Grants Funded***

Principal Investigator. 2007-08. "Commodities, Consumers, and Communities: Local Food Systems in a Globalizing Environment." USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), Multi-state Research Project. \$16,350 [Through KSU Agricultural Experiment Station].

Co-Principal Investigator. 2007-2008. "Socioeconomic Impacts of the Biofuels Revolution." Funded by the K-State Research and Extension Mini-Grants program and the K-State College of Arts and Sciences, \$74,148 (\$50,000 from KSRE; \$24,148 from Arts and Sci).

Principal Investigator. 2007-2008. "Latinos in Kansas Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities for Engaging in Local and Regional Food Systems." \$15,000. [Funded by KCARE, the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment, KSU].

Principal Investigator. 2005-07. "Sustaining Local Food Systems in a Globalizing Environment: Forces, Responses, Impacts." USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (CSREES), Multi-state Research Project. \$42,000. [Through KSU Agricultural Experiment Station].

Principal Investigator. 2004-05. "Assessing the Information Needs of Organic Growers and Retailers." \$10,000. [Funded by KCARE, KSU].

Principal Investigator. 2003-04. "Producing and Consuming in Local Food Systems" \$15,000. [Funded by the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment, KSU].

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Book***

Wright, Wynne and Gerad Middendorf (eds.). 2008. *The Fight Over Food: Producers, Consumers, and Activists Challenge the Global Food System*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press.

### ***Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters***

Middendorf, Gerad, Derrick Cline and Leonard Bloomquist. (In Press, 2008). "Agrarian Landscape Transition in the Flint Hills of Kansas: Legacies and Resilience." In Charles Redman and David Foster (eds.), *Agrarian Landscapes in Transition: Comparisons of Long Term Ecological & Cultural Change*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Wright, Wynne and Gerad Middendorf. 2008. "Fighting Over Food: Change in the Agrifood System." In Wynne Wright and Gerad Middendorf (eds.), *The Fight Over Food: Producers, Consumers, and Activists Challenge the Global Food System*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, pp. 1-26.

Wright, Wynne and Gerad Middendorf. 2008. "Conclusion: From Mindful Eating to Structural Change." In Wynne Wright and Gerad Middendorf (eds.), *The Fight Over Food: Producers, Consumers, and Activists Challenge the Global Food System*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, pp. 273-282.

- Middendorf, Gerad. 2007. "Challenges and Information Needs of Organic Growers and Retailers." *Journal of Extension* 45(4).
- Middendorf, Gerad. 2006. "Explicaciones en Torno al Sistema Global Agro-alimentario." *Colombian Journal of Sociology* 27: 25-46.
- Busch, Lawrence, Elizabeth Ransom, Tonya McKee, Gerad Middendorf and John Chesebro. 2006. "Paradoxes of Innovation: Standards and Technical Change in the Transformation of the US Soybean Industry." In R. James Bingen and Lawrence Busch (eds.), *Agricultural Standards: The Shape of the Global Food and Fiber System*. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer, pp. 137-155.
- Middendorf, Gerad, Elizabeth Ransom and Lawrence Busch. 2002. "Current Issues in Agricultural Science and Technology Policy." In *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems*. UNESCO and EOLSS Publishers, Oxford, UK, pp. 1-14.
- Middendorf, Gerad, Mike Skladany, Elizabeth Ransom, and Lawrence Busch. 2002. "New Agricultural Biotechnologies: The Struggle for Democratic Choice." In Carole M. Counihan (ed.), *Food in the USA*. New York: Routledge, pp. 373-383.
- Goss, Jasper, Mike Skladany and Gerad Middendorf. 2001. "Dialogue: Shrimp Aquaculture in Thailand." *Rural Sociology* 66(3): 451-460.
- Goss, Jasper, Mike Skladany and Gerad Middendorf. 2001. "In Response to Vandergeest, Flaherty and Miller." *Rural Sociology* 66(3): 465-467.
- Middendorf, Gerad, Mike Skladany, Elizabeth Ransom, and Lawrence Busch. 2000. "New Agricultural Biotechnologies: The Struggle for Democratic Choice." In Fred Magdoff, John Bellamy Foster and Frederick H. Buttel (eds.), *Hungry for Profit: The Agribusiness Threat to Farmers, Food, and the Environment*. New York: Monthly Review Press, 107-123.
- Ransom, Elizabeth, Lawrence Busch, and Gerad Middendorf. 1998. "Can Cooperatives Survive the Privatization of Biotechnology in US Agriculture?" In Steven A. Wolf (ed.), *Privatization of Information and Agricultural Industrialization*. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press, 75-94.
- Middendorf, Gerad, Mike Skladany, Elizabeth Ransom, and Lawrence Busch. 1998. "New Agricultural Biotechnologies: The Struggle for Democratic Choice." *Monthly Review* 50(3): 85-96.
- Busch, Lawrence, and Gerad Middendorf. 1997. "Democratic Technology Policy for a Rapidly Changing World." In William Lockeretz (ed.), *Visions of American Agriculture*. Ames: Iowa State University Press, 205-217.
- Middendorf, Gerad and Lawrence Busch. 1997. "Inquiry for the Public Good: Democratic Participation in Agricultural Research." *Agriculture and Human Values* 14(1): 45-57.
- Ransom, Elizabeth, Gerad Middendorf, and Lawrence Busch. 1996. "Biotechnology and Agricultural Cooperatives: Implications of the New Plant Biotechnologies." *Rural Cooperatives* 63 (2): 8-10.
- Ransom, Elizabeth, Gerad Middendorf, and Lawrence Busch. 1996. "Biotechnology and Agricultural Cooperatives: Implications of the New Animal Biotechnologies." *Rural Cooperatives* 63 (3): 15-17.

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

### ***Academic Research Reports***

Middendorf, Gerad. 2006. "Challenges and Information Needs for Organic Production in Kansas." Research Report for the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and Environment. Manhattan: Kansas State University.

Middendorf, Gerad. 2005. "Assessing the Information Needs of Organic Growers and Retailers in East-central Kansas." Research Report for the Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and Environment. Manhattan: Kansas State University.

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. [Co-authors: Busch, Middendorf, and Ransom].

Middendorf, Gerad and Lawrence Busch. 1998. "Agricultural Research Policy in a Changing Context: Institutional Change at the Panamanian Agricultural Research Institute." Discussion Paper No. 98-11 of the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR), The Hague.

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.

Middendorf, Gerad and Lawrence Busch. 1997. "La Política de Investigación Agropecuaria en un Contexto Cambiante: Cambio Institucional en el Instituto de Investigación Agropecuaria de Panamá." Discussion paper submitted to the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR) and the Instituto de Investigación Agropecuaria de Panamá (IDIAP).

Ransom, Elizabeth, Busch, Lawrence, and Gerad Middendorf. 1996. "Can Farm Co-ops Survive Biotechnology Privatization?" *Cooperative Action* (Winter):6-8.

Middendorf, Gerad and Lawrence Busch. 1995. "Inquiry for the Public Good: Citizen Participation in Agricultural Research." (White paper for the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.)

Middendorf, Gerad and Lawrence Busch. 1994. "Agricultural Biotechnology, Environment, and Consumers in Michigan: A Workshop in Biotechnology." (Unpublished report), East Lansing, MI: Department of Sociology, Michigan State University.

### ***Book Reviews***

Middendorf, Gerad. 2002. Review of: Dresner, Simon and Nigel Gilbert (eds.). 2001. *The Dynamics of European Science and Technology Policies*. Burlington, VT: Ashgate. *Science and Public Policy* 29(6): 479-481.

Middendorf, Gerad. 1999. Review of: Miriam J. Wells. 1996. *Strawberry Fields: Politics, Class, and Work in California Agriculture*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press. *Rural Sociology* 64(1):175-177.

### ***Doctoral Thesis***

Middendorf, Gerad. 2002. "Development Narratives: Actor-Network Theory and Panamanian Agricultural Development Policy." Ph.D. Dissertation, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI..

### **PAPERS PRESENTED**

Clark, Terrie and Gerad Middendorf. 2007. "Threats and Resilience in the Tallgrass Prairie of the Kansas Flint Hills." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society in Santa Clara, California, August 2-5, 2007.

Middendorf, Gerad. "Building Capacity to Engage Latinos in Local Food Systems in the Heartland." Presented at the North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program – Grant Recipients Meeting, Chicago, March 21-22, 2007

Middendorf, Gerad and Daniel Aguilar. 2006. "El Largo Proceso de Volverse Parte de . . . Capital Cultural e Inmigrantes Mexicanos en Kansas." Paper presented at the Colombian National Congress of Sociology, Bogotá, Colombia, December 6-10, 2006.

Harrington, John Jr., John Blair, Walter Dodds and Gerad Middendorf. 2006. "Linking the Konza Prairie LTER Program to Coupled Human and Natural Systems Research in the Flint Hills." Poster/paper presented at the 2006 Long Term Ecological Research Network All Scientists Meeting, Estes Park, Colorado, September 19-24, 2006.

Middendorf, Gerad. 2006. "Challenges and Priority Information Needs in Kansas Organics." Paper presented at the *Sustainable Agriculture Conference: Healthy Foods, Healthy Farms*, Kansas State University, February 17-18, 2006.

Middendorf, Gerad. 2006. Panelist in the Plenary Session, "Opportunities for Healthy Foods, Healthy Farms." Comments presented at the *Sustainable Agriculture Conference: Healthy Foods, Healthy Farms*, Kansas State University, February 17-18, 2006.

Cline, Derrick and Gerad Middendorf. 2005. "Social Legacy and Agrarian Transition in the Flint Hills." Poster presented at the National Science Foundation site review of the Konza Long Term Ecological Research program, Kansas State University, June 2, 2005.

Middendorf, Gerad and Leonard Bloomquist. 2005. "Assessing the Information Needs of Organic Growers and Retailers in Kansas." Paper/poster presented at the conference, "Organic Agriculture: Opportunities for Family Farms in Kansas," Kansas State University, February 18-19, 2005.

Middendorf, Gerad, Leonard Bloomquist and Derrick Cline. 2004. "Legacy and Transition in the Flint Hills Agrarian Landscapes." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society in Sacramento, California, August 12-15, 2004.

Cline, Derrick, Leonard Bloomquist and Gerad Middendorf. 2004. "Changes in Agrarian, Human and Natural Systems of the Flint Hills." Poster presented at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society in Sacramento, California, August 12-15, 2004 (where it won the "Best Poster" award); and in 2003 at the Long Term Ecological Research

- Network All Scientists Meeting, in Seattle, WA, September 18-21, 2003. [Also presented at the KU/KSU Poster Session at the Capitol, Topeka, January 28, 2004.]
- Middendorf, Gerad, Leonard Bloomquist and Derrick Cline. 2003. "Agrarian Landscape Transition in the Flint Hills." Paper presented at the 2003 Long Term Ecological Research Network All Scientists Meeting, in Seattle, WA, September 18-21, 2003.
- Middendorf, Gerad. 2003. "Making the Case: An Actor-Network Approach to Rhetoric in Panamanian Agricultural Development." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society in Montreal, Quebec. July 27-30, 2003.
- Middendorf, Gerad, Leonard Bloomquist and Derrick Cline. 2003. "Agrarian Landscape Transition in the Flint Hills: Preliminary Findings from a Cross-Disciplinary Approach." Presentation in the Konza Research Group Seminar Series, Kansas State University. (4/17/03).
- Middendorf, Gerad. 2000. "Human Values and the Emerging Debate Over GMOs." (Invited presentation). Annual Mint Growers Meeting. February 25, Plymouth, Indiana.
- Middendorf, Gerad. "Democratizing Agricultural Cooperatives?" Discussion piece presented as a panel participant in the session *Rethinking Cooperatives*, at the annual meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Portland, Oregon, August 1998.
- Busch, Lawrence, Elizabeth Ransom, Tonya McKee, Gerad Middendorf and John Chesebro. "Paradoxes of Innovation: Standards and Technical Change in the Transformation of the US Soybean Industry." Paper presented at the meetings of the International Sociology Association in Montreal, Canada, 1998. [Also presented at the Workshop on Systems and Trajectories of Agricultural Innovation, Berkeley, California, April 1998.]
- Middendorf, Gerad and Lawrence Busch. "La Política de Investigación Agropecuaria en un Contexto Cambiante: Cambio Institucional en el Instituto de Investigación Agropecuaria de Panamá." Paper presented at the Workshop of Synthesis and Evaluation — *ISNAR Project on Strengthening the Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation in the Administration of Agricultural Research in Latin America and the Caribbean*, Quito, Ecuador, December 1 - 10, 1997.
- Middendorf, Gerad. "Technology Choice: The Challenges Facing Agricultural Cooperatives." Presented at the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Toronto, August 13-17, 1997.
- Ransom, Elizabeth, Gerad Middendorf, and Lawrence Busch. "Biotechnology and Agricultural Cooperatives: Choices and Challenges for Managers and Members." Presented at the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Toronto, August 13-17, 1997.
- Whiteford, Scott, Gerad Middendorf and Alfonso Cortez. "Reincorporating the State in Development Paradigms." Presented at the meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 20-24, 1996.
- Middendorf, Gerad and Lawrence Busch. "Inquiry for the Public Good: Democratic Participation in Agricultural Research." Presented at the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Des Moines, Iowa, August 15-18, 1996.
- Busch, Lawrence, and Gerad Middendorf. "Technology Policy in a Rapidly Changing World." Presented at the meetings of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, St. Louis, Missouri, June 6-9, 1996.

Ransom, Elizabeth, Gerad Middendorf, Jean Lynch-Brandon, and Lawrence Busch. "Biotechnology and its Effects on Cooperatives." Presented at the meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Washington D.C., August, 1995.

Ransom, Elizabeth, Lawrence Busch, and Gerad Middendorf. "Can Cooperatives Survive the Privatization of Biotechnology in US Agriculture?" Presented at the workshop: "Privatization of Research and Technology in Agriculture," Madison, Wisconsin, 1995.

Middendorf, Gerad. "Inquiry for the Public Good: Citizen Participation in Agricultural Science." Presented at the meetings of the Michigan Sociological Association, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, October 8, 1994.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

***Undergraduate:*** 1) *Complex Organizations*; 2) *Environmental Sociology*; 3) *Rural Sociology*; 4) *Introduction to Sociology*; 5) *Race and Ethnic Relations*

***Graduate:*** 1) *Contemporary Sociological Theory*; 2) *Sociology of Agriculture*; 3) *Technology and Social Development*

## **GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING** (major adviser for the following students)

### ***Graduate Students Completed***

Cline, Derrick. 2006. "The Coevolution of Society and Invasive Species: *Sericea Lespedeza* in the Kansas Flint Hills." M.A. thesis, Kansas State University.

Studer, William (Undergraduate McNair Scholar at K-State). Project: "American Attitudes and the Corn-Abundant Diet." Final project presented July 2006.

### ***Current Graduate Students***

Aguilar, Daniel. "Mexican Immigrants in Southern Kansas: Transition and Acquisition of Cultural Capital." Ph.D. Dissertation, Kansas State University. (Currently ABD; expected defense, Spring 2008).

Monier, Janis. "Rural Development in Norton County, Kansas." (Currently ABD; expected defense, Summer 2008).

Patrick, Sarjo. Proposal: "Food Insecurity and Rural Development in The Gambia: The Impact of Weekly Rural Markets." (Currently ABD, fieldwork 2008).

Peterson, Shellie. "Local and Regional Food Systems: Challenges and Opportunities." M.A. Theses, M.A. thesis, Kansas State University. (expected defense, 2008).

Service on more than twenty other Doctoral and Masters thesis committees. Of these, eight have completed degrees (5 MA, 3 PhD). Currently on fifteen active committees (12 PhD, 3 MA).

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### ***Editorial Board***

Member, editorial board of the *Online Journal of Rural Research & Policy*

### ***Administrative Council***

Elected to the North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Administrative Council, 2007-2011.

### ***Manuscript Review***

Peer reviewer for the following journals:

*Agriculture and Human Values*  
*American Journal of Alternative Agriculture*  
*Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*  
*Public Understanding of Science*  
*Qualitative Sociology*  
*Rural Sociology*

### ***Grant Review***

Reviewer for National Science Foundation (Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science, and Technology), 2003 – present.

Reviewer for Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad and Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad programs, 2002.

Reviewer for USDA's North Central SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension) Professional Development Program, 2002.

Ad hoc reviewer for USDA's National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program (NRICGP), (Rural Development Program), 1999 – present.

Ad hoc reviewer for USDA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program, (Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service), 2003 – present.

### ***Activities in Professional Societies***

Member, Professional Communications Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 2007 – present.

Member, Program Committee, annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, 2005-2006.

Elected Chair, Sociology of Agriculture Research Interest Group (2003-05), Rural Sociological Society.

Co-Organizer. Mini-Conference: "Resistance and Agency in Contemporary Agriculture and Food: Empirical Cases and New Theories." Mini-conference within the annual meetings of the Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, Austin, TX, June 2003.

### ***Institutional Service***

President, Advisory Board, Center for Engagement and Community Development (CECD), Kansas State University, 2007-present.

Vice President, Advisory Board, Center for Engagement and Community Development (CECD), Kansas State University, 2006-07.

Elected Board Member, Friends of International Programs, Kansas State University, 2007-2008.

Member, Advisory Board, Kansas Center for Rural Initiatives (KCRI), 2005-06.

Planning Committee, K-State Research and Extension's 2006 Sustainable Agriculture conference, *Healthy Food, Healthy Farms*.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, HONORS**

James R. Coffman Leadership Institute, selected participant, 2006.

New Faculty Fellowship. College of Arts and Sciences, Kansas State University, 2001-2002.

Dissertation Fellowship, Michigan State University Graduate School, 2001, \$5,000.

U.S. Dept. of Education, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Michigan State Univ., Portuguese, 2000-01, \$11,000.

U.S. Dept. of Education, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Michigan State Univ., Portuguese, 1999-00, \$11,000.

Walker Hill International Scholarship, Michigan State University, (Scholarship funds for pre-dissertation work in Latin America), 1996, \$1,600.

Graduate Office Fellowship, Michigan State University, Pre-dissertation research and travel award, May 1996.

Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Michigan State University, Elected member 1996.

U.S. Dept. of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Title VI Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Michigan State University, Portuguese, 1995.

Graduate Office Fellowship, Recruitment fellowship for doctoral studies, MSU, 1993-94.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Ohio University, May 1992.

Nominated Outstanding Peace Corps Volunteer in Agriculture, Honduras, 1990.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

English: Native

Spanish: Fluent

Portuguese: Proficient

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society

American Sociological Association

International Sociological Assn. Research Committee, Soc. of Agriculture and Food (RC 40)

Latin American Studies Association

Rural Sociological Society

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)