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### I. EDUCATION

- 2027      **The Ohio State University**  
Doctor of Philosophy, Geography  
Specializations: Human-Environment; Graduate Interdisciplinary  
Minor: Rural and Environmental Sociology
- 2021      **West Virginia University**  
Master of Arts, Geography  
Graduate Certificate: Women's and Gender Studies  
Thesis: Sexual and Place-Based Identity: A Life Course Analysis of LGBTQ+ Undergraduate Understandings of Climate Change in Appalachia
- 2018      **The Pennsylvania State University**  
Bachelor of Science, Geography  
Minors: Climatology; Sustainability Leadership

### II. POSITIONS – NON-ACADEMIC

- 2023-24    Fellow Interviewer, Climate Corps China | Environmental Defense Fund | New York, New York
- 2023      Alumni Engagement Manager, Climate Corps U.S. | Environmental Defense Fund | New York, New York
- 2022-23    Assistant Program Manager, Energy Efficiency | TRC Companies, Inc. | New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 2022      Consultant, Justice and Equity | Environmental Defense Fund | Remote
- 2022      Research and Project Specialist, Energy | Sustainable Jersey | Ewing, New Jersey

### III. POSITIONS – ACADEMIC

- 2019-21    Graduate Research Assistant, Dept. of Geology and Geography | West Virginia University
- 2018-19    Presidential Associate, Office of Sustainability | The American University in Cairo

- 2017-18 Eco Reps Student Programming Coordinator, Penn State Housing | The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017-18 Recycling and Composting Education Intern, The Sustainability Institute | The Pennsylvania State University

#### IV. FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Fellow | Agents of Change in Environmental Justice (AoC-EJ)
- 2021 Climate Corps Fellow, Justice and Equity | Environmental Defense Fund
- 2020-21 Campus Fellow | The Rachel Carson Council
- 2020 Southeast and Appalachia Regional Fellow | Citizens' Climate Lobby
- 2020 Climate Corps Fellow, Energy | Sustainable Jersey

#### V. PUBLICATIONS

##### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024- Rothrock, B.A. Queer Climate Narratives: Perspectives of Sexual Identity, Climate Change, and Environmental Issues Among LGBTQ+ Undergraduates in Appalachia. **In review.**
- 2022 Caretta, M.A., Rothrock, B.A., & Zegre, N.P. Exploring Climate Change Perspectives. An Analysis of Undergraduate Students' Place-Based Attachment in Appalachia, USA. *Rural Sociology*, 87(3), 847-872.
- 2021 Caretta, M.A. & Rothrock, B.A. Water and Gender. In Oxford Research Encyclopedia.

##### BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 Review of "Second World, Second Sex: Socialist Women's Activism and Global Solidarity during the Cold War" by Kristen Ghodsee. *Progress in Development Studies*, 21(1), 107-108.
- 2021 Review of "Revolutionary Feminisms: Conservations on collective action and radical thought" edited by Brenna Bhandar and Rafeer Ziadeh. *Gender, Place & Culture*, 29(4), 594-598.
- 2020 Review of "After Repeal: rethinking abortion politics" edited by Kath Browne and Sydney Calkin. *Gender, Place & Culture*, 28(8), 1208-1212.

##### PUBLIC FACING

- 2021 ['They Love to Tout They're Green': Pushing for University Action on Climate Change.](#) *The Rachel Carson Council.*
- 2021 [Bigger Problems, Bigger Fish to Fry: Individual or Corporate Responsibility for Climate Change?](#) *The Rachel Carson Council.*
- 2021 [The Clock That Ticks Down: Climate Change Worry and Mental Health.](#) *The Rachel Carson Council.*
- 2020 [Visualizing Climate Change: Are Opinion Maps Telling the Full Story?](#) *The Rachel Carson Council.*

- 2020 [Climate Change: Understanding Place-Based Identity as Sea Ice Vanishes.](#) *The Rachel Carson Council.*
- 2020 [Hurricanes and Marginalization: How Climate Disasters Affect LGBTQ+ Persons.](#) *The Rachel Carson Council.*
- 2019 [The Carbon Footprint Report 2019.](#) *The American University in Cairo.*

**VI. PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2023-24 LGBTQIA+ Alumni Affinity Group Co-Lead, Climate Corps | Environmental Defense Fund
- 2023 Alumni Affinity Group Steering Committee Member | Environmental Defense Fund
- 2022- Board Member | OUT for Sustainability
- 2022- Manuscript Reviewer | *Journal of Sociological Inquiry*
- 2019-21 Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Senate Sustainability Committee | West Virginia University
- 2017-18 Officer, Student Sustainability Advisory Council | The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017-18 Vice President, Undergraduate Department of Geography Students (UnderDOGS) | The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017-18 Student Liaison, Sustainable Operations Council | The Pennsylvania State University
- 2016-18 Eco Rep Liaison, Council of Sustainable Leaders | The Pennsylvania State University
- 2016-17 Officer, Student Transportation Commission | The Pennsylvania State University

**VII. FUNDING AND AWARDS**

- 2023 Distinguished University Fellowship (\$32,500) | The Ohio State University
- 2023 EmPOWERment National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Trainee (\$36,000) | The Ohio State University
- 2023 ENGIE-Axium Incentive Recruitment Scholarship (\$5,000) | The Ohio State University
- 2018 Earth and Mineral Sciences Academy for Global Experience (EMSAGE) Laureate Award | College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2018 Peter R. Gould Center for Geography Education and Outreach Student Award | Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2018 GREEN Program Scholarship (\$4,000) | Reykjavik University, Iceland School of Energy
- 2017 Jason and Martha Hon Dietz Scholarship (\$2,500) | The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017 Polis-Newcombe Students with Disabilities Scholarship (\$2,000) | The Pennsylvania State University
- 2015 Cole Scholarship in Meteorology (\$1,000) | College of Earth and Mineral Sciences, The Pennsylvania State University

## VIII. INVITED TALKS

### ACADEMIC

- 2022 LGBTQ+ Perspectives of Climate Change in Appalachia. DivestVU Guest Speaker. Vanderbilt University.
- 2021 Climate Change and Mental Health: Assessing LGBTQ+ Emotions of Climate Change. Guest Speaker. Loyola Chicago University, Department of Health Administration.

### NON-ACADEMIC

- 2023 Pride in Power: Live from the Stonewall Inn – Impact Roundtable. Edison Energy. Brandon Rothrock, Rashad Williams, Avery Hammond, Zachary Strauss, Jenna Patterson, and Elana Knopp (moderator)
- 2023 People, Planet, and PRIDE: Why Queer Liberation is an Environmental Justice Issue – Roundtable. GRID Alternatives. Brandon Rothrock, Leo Goldsmith, Stela Ursua, and Diego Deza (moderator)
- 2023 Pride and the Environmental Sector Discussion. Defend Our Future.

## IX. CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- 2021 Sexual and Place-Based Identity. Undergraduate LGBTQ+ Perceptions of Climate Change in Appalachia (Paper). *American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting*. Seattle, WA.
- 2018 The Eco-System: Developing Competencies in Higher Education Sustainability Programs (Poster). *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Assessing Resilience of the Andean Quecha in Southeast Peru (Poster). *Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting*. Boston, MA.

## X. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Geographers (AAG)