

Taylor E. Hartson

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2021–Present **University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, Indiana
Doctoral Candidate in Sociology, Graduate Minor in Gender Studies
Expected completion May 2026

2023 **University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, Indiana
Master of Arts in Sociology
Thesis: “Regenerative Relationships: Mutuality, Identity, and Ethics in Sustainable Agriculture.”
Committee: Kraig Beyerlein (advisor), Erika Summers-Effler, Elizabeth McClintock

2019 **Calvin University (formerly Calvin College)**, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (with honors)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND INTEREST

Identity, gender & sexuality, ethnography, agriculture, environment, sociology of food, social movements, embodiment, temporality, relationality

CURRENT PROJECTS

Playing in the Dirt: Queer Bodies, Identity, and Futurity

Through semi-structured interviews and ethnography, this project explores the unique experiences of queer sustainable farmers in the Midwest, with the hopes of creating specific recommendations to support queer farmers and their work. Additionally, this work explores counter-hegemonic temporalities, embodiments, and relationalities that queer farmers cultivate in their practices.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Articles

Hartson, Taylor E. 2021. “Converted Structures: Exploring Material Expressions of the Sacred and Secular.” *Review of Religious Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13644-021-00447-0>

Williams, Roman R. and **Taylor E. Hartson**. 2020. “From Sanctuary to Skatepark.” *Contexts Magazine* 19(3):52–59.

Public Writing

Hartson, Taylor E. 2023. "Playing in the Dirt." *Contexts Blog*. <https://contexts.org/blog/playing-in-the-dirt/>

Hartson, Taylor E. 2024. "Cultivating Safety and Space for Transgender and Nonbinary Farmers." *The Natural Farmer*.

Book reviews

Hartson, Taylor E. 2021. "Building Faith, by Robert Brenneman and Brian Miller." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 60(1):216-217.

Hartson, Taylor E. 2020. "Food, Festival and Religion: Materiality and Place in Italy, by Francesca Ciancimino Howell." *Fieldwork in Religion* 15(1-2):214-215.

Hartson, Taylor E. 2020. "Religious Pluralism and the City, by Helmuth Berking, Silke Steets, and Jochen Schwenk." *Fieldwork in Religion* 15(1-2): 200–201.

Hartson, Taylor E. 2019. "Religion and the Global City, by David Garbin and Anna Strhan." *Fieldwork in Religion* 14(2):218–19.

Selected written reports

Holcomb, Jesse, **Taylor E. Hartson**, Yejae Kim, and Laura Luchies. February 2022. "Keeping Up with the Ed Beat." Calvin University Center for Social Research.

Holcomb, Jesse, **Taylor E. Hartson**, and Matthew Bone. September 2020. "The 100 Million Project: How Media Habits Relate to Voter Participation." The Knight Foundation.

Hartson, Taylor E. August 2020. "Kids' Food Basket Educator Listening Sessions: Findings and Recommendations." Calvin University Center for Social Research.

Hartson, Taylor E., & Laura B. Luchies. June 2020. "SIDMA survey results for residents of Alger Heights, Christ Church, Oakdale, and Leisure Creek Condominium Communities. Written for the Plaster Creek Stewards." Calvin University Center for Social Research.

Cohen, Shannon M., Patricia Sosa VerDuin, **Taylor E. Hartson**, & Laura B. Luchies. October 2019. "From Knowing Better to Doing Better: Closing the Opportunity Gap for Women of Color in the Workplace through Transformed Systems Behavior." Calvin University Center for Social Research.

Rudi, Allison, Abraham Mena Velasquez, **Taylor E. Hartson**, and Laura B. Luchies. March 2019. "Kids' Food Basket Community Listening Sessions Final Report: Based on Sessions Hosted from October to December 2018." Calvin University Center for Social Research.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 **Writers and Artists Grant**, *The Gay and Lesbian Review*, for project titled “Playing in the Dirt.” \$7,360.
- 2023 **Graduate Student Professional Development Award**, The Graduate School at Notre Dame, for travel to the Ethnography Summer School at the University of Texas-Austin. \$875.
- 2022 **Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Graduate Student Grant**, United States Department of Agriculture, for project titled, "Gender, Sexuality, and Social Sustainability: Exploring Queer Farmers' Relationships, Ethics, and Practices in the Midwest." \$14,972.
- 2022 **GLOBES Mini-Grant Award**, John Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values, for project titled, "Gender, Sexuality, and Social Sustainability: Exploring Queer Farmers' Relationships, Ethics, and Practices in the Midwest." \$2981.
- 2022 **American Dream Grant**, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, for project titled "Gender, Sexuality, and Social Sustainability: Exploring Queer Farmers' Relationships, Ethics, and Practices in the Midwest." \$4450.
- 2022 **Student Travel Grant**, the Midwest Sociological Society, for presenting at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago, Illinois. \$150.
- 2018–2019 **Civitas Lab Research Fellow**, Calvin College, for project titled “Converted Structures” (Roman R. Williams, PI)
- 2019 **Deur Student Travel Award**, Calvin College Department of Sociology and Social Work, for presenting at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago, Illinois.

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Playing in the Dirt, Growing Queer Resistance: Queer Farmers’ Embodied, Emotional, and Relational Growing Practices in the Midwest.” Queer Food Conference. Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2023 “Regenerative Relationships: Mutuality, Identity, and Feminist Ethics in Sustainable Agriculture.” The annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2022 “An Ecology of Empowerment: Women Farmers, Livestock Relationships, and Ethics of Care in Sustainable Agriculture.” 4S/Esocite Joint Meeting. Cholula, Mexico.
- 2022 “Regenerative Relationships: Caring, Empathy, and Agency in Sustainable Agriculture.” The annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2022 “An Ecology of Empowerment: Women Farmers, Livestock Relationships, and Ethics of Care in Sustainable Agriculture.” The Chicago Ethnography Conference. Virtual.
- 2020 “Food Access, Consumption, and Resources in Kent County: Results from the 2018-2019 Kent County Community Food Survey.” The Michigan Good Food Virtual Summit.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023–2024 **Graduate Research Assistant** for Erika Summers-Effler | University of Notre Dame
2023 **Graduate Research Assistant** for Elizabeth McClintock | University of Notre Dame
2022 **Graduate Research Assistant** for Christian Smith | University of Notre Dame
2021 **Graduate Research Assistant** for Terrence McDonnell | University of Notre Dame
2019–2021 **Research Specialist** | Calvin University Center for Social Research
2017–2019 **Research Assistant** | Calvin University Center for Social Research

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2022 **Teaching Assistant** | SOC20342 Marriage and the Family
Spring 2022 **Teaching Assistant** | SOC20666 Environment, Food, and Society

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2022-2023 **Coordinator** for the Gender Studies Research Workshop | Gender Studies Program at the
University of Notre Dame

SOFTWARE AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata and SPSS
Tableau
Qualtrics
NVivo, ATLAS.ti, and MAXQDA
Kumu
ArcMap
Quick Base and Microsoft Access
Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
Adobe Creative Cloud