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Curriculum Vitae

Division of Natural Resource Economics
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Geography and Environment, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2019
Dissertation: Placing trust: The political ecology of chicken meat in Japan

M.A. Geography, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2014.
B.A. Sociology, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-2021 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Standard Postdoctoral Fellow, Kyoto University, Graduate School of Agriculture
- 2016-2018 Part-time Lecturer, Department of Geography and Environment UH Mānoa
- 2015-2017 Visiting Researcher, Department of Culture and Education, Miyazaki University, Japan.
- 2011-2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography UH Mānoa

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2020 **Schrager, B.** Local food beyond fixed scales and values: The scalar politics of Japan's jidori chicken mosaics. *Journal of Rural Studies*. DOI: 10.1016/j.jrurstud.2020.08.056
- Schrager, B.** Using YouTube to share a collaborative ethnography project on artisan chicken in Japan *cultural geographies*. DOI: 10.1177/1474474020909466
- 2018 **Schrager, B.** Different conceptions of Place: Alternative food networks and everyday meals. *Geoforum*. 9, pp. 21-24. DOI: 10.1016/j.geoforum.2018.07.001

Schrager, B. The Internationalization and the Industrialization of Chicken Husbandry in Japan in the 20th Century. *Japanese Studies*. 38 (2), pp. 202-227. DOI: 10.1080/10371397.2018.1477477

Schrager, B. and Suryanata, K. Seeds of Accumulation: Molecular Breeding and The Seed Corn Industry in Hawai'i. *Journal of Agrarian Change*. 18 (2), pp. 370-384. DOI: 10.1111/joac.12207

2017 **Schrager, B.** A Dialogic Approach to Alien Films. *Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Yearbook*. 79, pp. 153-167. DOI: 10.1353/pcg.2017.0008

Journal Article(s) (not peer-reviewed)

2020 **Schrager, B.** The Relationship Between Food Production and Cuisine in Japan: Focusing on Chicken meat in Miyazaki. *Chiri*. 65 (4), pp. 30-37 (Japanese language).
シュレーガベンジャミン. (2020). 日本の料理と生産の関係性：宮崎の鶏肉を中心に. *地理*, 65 (4), pp. 30-37.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter(s)

2016 **Schrager, B.** and Suryanata, K. Seeds of contestation: The emergence of Hawai'i's seed corn industry. In A. Kimura and K. Suryanata (eds) *Food and Power: Visions for Food Democracy in Hawaii*. Honolulu, University of Hawaii Press, pp. 138-155.

In Progress

202- **Schrager, B.** Life in the vise of biosecurity: The geoeconomics of avian influenza across Japanese borders. *Geopolitics*. [Status: Invited to submit article on August 31st as part of a special issue organized by Takashi Yamazaki in connection with the East Asian Regional Conference in Alternative Geography group.]

2022 Guest editors: **Schrager B.**, Marsden, T., and Barnes, C. "Precarious Foodscapes" special issue for *Food, Culture and Society*. [Status: anticipated for June 2022 issue]

Web-Based Publications

2020 (Podcast) Jidori and the Chicken Industry in Japan (Dr. Benjamin Schrager) || Japan Station 35:
<https://www.japankyo.com/2020/04/japan-station-podcast-what-is-jidori-chicken/>

- 2018 (Videos) Miyazaki Jitokko Series:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrMQzlcV2vJxMJA1pBjT6DuLwkp31F eoX>
- 2017 (Opinion column) How Hawaii Fits Into The Changing World Of Seed Corn Production. *Civil Beat*, October 12:
<https://www.civilbeat.org/2017/10/how-hawaii-fits-into-the-changing-world-of-seed-corn-production/>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-2020 Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Standard Postdoctoral Fellowship, Kyoto University (\$70,000)
- 2018 Named and Endowed Scholarship, East-West Center (\$9,000)
- 2017 Center for Japanese Studies Fellowship, UH Mānoa (\$15,000)
- 2015-2016 Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship, UH Mānoa (\$90,000)
- 2013 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, UH Mānoa (\$33,000)
- East Asian Pacific Summer Institutes Fellow, National Science Foundation (\$10,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Lecturer

- 2018 *Geography, Environment, and Society* (GEOG 325), Department of Geography and Environment UH Mānoa (Spring), taught once.
 One semester course for third year undergraduate geography majors
 24 students enrolled
 Combination of lecture, seminar, and online message boards
 Instruction in English with several non-native English speakers
- 2016-2017 *Geography of Japan* (GEOG 352, online course), Department of Geography and Environment UH Mānoa (Fall-Fall), taught three times
 One semester course for third year undergraduate students
 Enrollment ranged between 6 and 12 students
 Online asynchronous course with weekly guided materials and discussions
 Instruction in English with several non-native English speakers

Graduate Teaching Assistantships

- 2015 *Cultural Biogeography* (GEOG 409), Department of Geography and Environment, UH Mānoa, (Spring)
- 2012-2013 *Geography and Contemporary Society* (GEOG 151), Department of Geography and Environment, UH Mānoa, (Fall-Spring),
- 2011-2012 *World Regional Geography* (GEOG 102), Department of Geography and Environment, UH Mānoa, (Fall-Spring)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 Bowers Award for outstanding graduate student in the Department of Geography of Environment and Geography, UH Mānoa (Spring)
- 2018 Hanayo Sasaki Scholarship in Japanese Studies, UH Mānoa, (Fall)
Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii Graduate Fellowship, UH Mānoa (Fall)
- 2017 Merit Scholarship Department of Geography & Environment, UH Mānoa,
Best Publication by a Graduate Student, Geography & Environment, UH Mānoa.
- 2014 Merit Scholarship Department of Geography & Environment, UH Mānoa,
10-month program participant, Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama (Spring 2013-Fall 2014).
- 2013 Merit Scholarship Department of Geography & Environment, UH Mānoa.
East-West Center Conference Travel Award, (Spring)
Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation Global Foundation tuition scholarship, Inter-University Center.
- 2012 Merit Scholarship Department of Geography & Environment, UH Mānoa.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Would you like that seared or raw? Uncooked chicken and the political ecology of dangerous delicacies in Japanese cuisine, Institute of Comparative Culture Lecture Series, Sophia University, November 11.
- 2018 Ethics and Methods for Ethnographic Research, Guest Lecture, UH Mānoa, Political Science Department, May 30.
- 2017 Broiler Chickens & *Jidori* traditions: Everyday Practices of Eating Chicken Meat in Japan, *Center for Japanese Studies Seminar Series Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Lecture*, UH Mānoa, September 13.
- Geographical Analysis of Japanese Poultry (Japanese language), *Miyazaki Prefecture Livestock Meeting Hall*, August 17.

日本養鶏の地理的考察, 宮崎畜産会館.

Geographical Analysis of Japanese Poultry: Poultry History and JAS *Jidori* Certification (Japanese language). *Foreign Researcher Report*, Miyazaki University, August 7.

日本養鶏の地理的考察：養鶏の歴史と JAS 地鶏の認定プロセス, 宮崎大学.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented or Prepared for Presentation

- 2020 Corporate farm-to-table: commitment and pretense in the co-optation of alternative food discourse, *World Congress of Rural Sociology*, Cairns, Australia, July 8-12 (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- The power to conceal imported grains within Japanese food systems, *Asian Studies Conference Japan*, Sophia University, Japan, July 4-5 (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- Geographical Indications for chicken meat in Japan: Another layer in an already complex system, *International Symposium: From local to global, the challenge of Geographical Indications*, Nagoya University, February 21-22.
- Daredevil dining: Analyzing the culinary tourism of eating raw animal meat in Japan, *Critical Tourism Studies Asia Pacific*, Wakayama University, February 17-19.
- 2019 The relationship between food production and cuisine in Japan: Focusing on chicken meat in Miyazaki, (Japanese language), *The Human Geographical Society of Japan*, Kansai University, November 16-17.
- 日本の料理と生産の関係性：宮崎の鶏肉を中心に, 人文地理学会.
- Biothreats at the border: Contrasting the rhetoric of biosecurity with actual disease ecologies, *The Geopolitical Economy of East Asian Developmentalism*, Osaka City University, Japan, November 26-28.
- On eating raw chicken: Competing ontologies of risky gastronomy, *The Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, April 3-7. Co-organized and chaired the session Bagels & Bytes.
- Biothreats beyond the gate, *The Political Geography AAG Preconference*, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, April 2.
- 2018 Reinventing *jidori*: Claiming authenticity for artisan chicken meat in Japan, *The Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, April 10-14.

Sharing ‘Miyazaki Jitokko’ on Youtube: Social media as a medium for collaborative ethnography, *The Political Geography AAG Preconference*, University of New Orleans, LA, April 9.

Where is place in chicken meat? *Annual Geography Student Symposium*, UH Mānoa, May 4.

2017 Tsukada Nojo and the corporate farm-to-table: Place Provenance and quality in the Anthropocene, *The AAG Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, April 5-9.

The border on a plate: Food, provenance, and the border in everyday life, *The Political Geography AAG Preconference*, Harvard University, MA, April 4.

Quotidian Geographies of Food: Taking the Example of Chicken Meat in Japan (Japanese Language), *Japanese Geographical Association*, Tsukuba University, March 28.

日常生活の地理学的アプローチ：日本の鶏肉を実例として，日本地理学会

2016 Geographical Analysis of the Jidori Certification Process (Japanese Language), *The Human Geographical Society of Japan*, Kyoto University, November 13.
「地鶏」認定プロセスの地理学的考察，人文地理学会。

The Development of Japanese Chicken Meat: Investigating the Connections Between Production and Consumption (Japanese Language), *Japanese Geographical Association Fall Meeting*, Tōdai University, Sendai, September 30.
日本における鶏肉食の展開：生産と消費の繋がり，日本地理学会

2014 Changes in Japanese “Food” and “Agriculture (Japanese Language), *Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies*, Graduate Symposium, June 4.
日本の「農」と「食」の変化

2013 Seeds From Paradise: The Rise of Hawaii's Seed Corn Industry, *International Geographic Union Kyoto Regional Conference*, August 7.

Seeds from Paradise: The Rise of Hawaii’s Seed Corn Industry. *AAG Annual Conference*, Los Angeles, April 9-13.

Sovereign alien says “What?”: sovereignty in *The Avengers*, *Avatar*, and *District 9*, *The Political Geography AAG Preconference*, University of California Los Angeles, April 8.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To Community

Facilitator, Wednesday Evening Seminar, East-West Center (EWC), 2018 Fall
Newsletter Editor, Geography Department, UH Mānoa, 2015 Fall, 2016 Spring
EWC Participants Association Sustainability Coordinator 2012 Fall, 2013 Spring
Graduate Student Organization Geography Representative 2012 Fall, 2013 Spring
Facilitator, Wednesday Evening Seminar, East-West Center 2012 Spring

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS OR AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Geographers (AAG) (joined 2013)
Japanese Geographical Association (joined 2016)
The Human Geographical Society of Japan (joined 2016)

LANGUAGES

Japanese (advanced proficiency)