

# Ethan Miller

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.      **Political and Social Thought**, Institute for Culture & Society, Western Sydney University, Australia, 2015
- M.S.      **Geography** (regional economic development focus) Department of Geosciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2011
- B.A.      **Environmental Studies**, Bates College, Lewiston, ME, 2000

## AWARDS

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CAPE (Cultural and Political Economy) Group of the Association of American Geographers, Outstanding Publication Award for *Reimagining Livelihoods* (U. Minnesota Press, 2019), 2020.

## FELLOWSHIPS

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Julie Graham Community Economies Research Fund Fellowship, 2013, 2015, & 2017  
Hannah Arendt International Postgraduate Research Fellowship (Center for Citizenship & Public Policy, Western Sydney University), 2011-2015  
University of Massachusetts Amherst Graduate Fellowship, 2009-2010

## PUBLICATIONS

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### BOOKS

- 2019      Miller, Ethan. *Reimagining Livelihoods: Life Beyond Economy, Society, and Environment*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

### REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2014      Miller, Ethan. "Economization and Beyond: (Re)composing Livelihoods in Maine, USA" *Environment and Planning A*. 46(11), 2735-2751.
- 2013      Miller, Ethan. "Community Economy: Ontology, Ethics, and Politics for Radically-Democratic Economic Organizing." *Rethinking Marxism: A Journal of Economics, Culture and Society*. 25(4).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020 Miller, Ethan. "More-than-Human Agency: From the Human Economy to Ecological Livelihoods" in Katherine Gibson and Kelly Dombroski (eds), *The Handbook of Diverse Economies*. Edward Elgar.
- 2019 Miller, Ethan and J.K. Gibson-Graham. "Thinking With Interdependence: From Economy/Environment to Ecological Livelihoods," in J. Bennett and M. Zournazi (ed), *Thinking With the World Reader*. London: Bloomsbury Press.
- 2015 Gibson-Graham, J.K. and Ethan Miller. "Economy As Ecological Livelihood." Ed., Katherine Gibson, Deborah Bird Rose, and Ruth Fincher. *Manifesto for Living in the Anthropocene*. Punctum Books, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2012 Miller, Ethan. "Occupy! Connect! Create!: Imagining Life Beyond 'The Economy'." Amber Hickey (ed). *Guidebook to Alternative Nows*. LA: Journal of Aesthetics & Protest Press.
- 2010 Miller, Ethan. "Solidarity Economy: Key Issues and Concepts." Ed., Emily Kawano, Tom Masterson and Jonathan Teller-Elsberg. *Solidarity Economy I: Building Alternatives for People and Planet*. Amherst, MA: Center for Popular Economics.
- 2008 Miller, Ethan and Emily Kawano. "Building a Solidarity Economy from Real World Practices." Ed., Jenna Allard and Julie Matthaei and Carl Davidson (Eds). In *Solidarity Economy: Building Alternatives for People and Planet*. Chicago, IL: Change Maker Press.

## INVITED COMMENTARIES

- 2015 Miller, Ethan. "Anticapitalism or Postcapitalism? Both!" *Rethinking Marxism*. 27(3)

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2014 Miller, Ethan. Review of Vishwas Satgar (ed.), *The Solidarity Economy Alternative: Advancing Theory and Practice* (Durban: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2014). *AntipodeFoundation.org*.

## RESEARCH REPORTS

- 2016 Gibson-Graham, J.K., Jenny Cameron, Kelly Dombroski, Stephen Healy, and Ethan Miller. *Cultivating Community Economies: Tools For Building a Livable World*. Report for the Next Systems Project. <http://www.nextsystems.org>.
- 2015 Katherine Gibson, Jenny Cameron, Wendy Harcourt, Stephen Healy, Ann Hill, Isaac Lynne, Yahya Madra, Ethan Miller, Sema Özar, Ceren Özselçuk, Marianna Pavlovskaya, Mitch Rose, Kevin St. Martin, Boone Shear & Rob Snyder, *Rebuilding Livelihoods to Meet the Challenges of Climate Change in Post-crisis Communities*, Unpublished Project Report.

- 2010 Miller, Ethan, Gretchen Rossman and Ash Hartwell. *Unpacking the Circles of Agency, Information, Accountability and Basic Services: Critical Issues and Questions for Twaweza*. Commissioned critical evaluation of the Twaweza development project, prepared for the Center for International Education, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2008 Miller, Ethan. *Stronger Together: A Directory of Maine's Cooperative Economy*. Commissioned report and inventory prepared on behalf of Cooperative Maine.
- 2000 Miller, Ethan, Matt Schlobohm, Matthew Ensner, Ryan Williamson, and Curtis Bohlen. *Weaving the Landscape: A Natural History of River Road in Turner, ME*. Prepared for an independent study at Bates College, Lewiston, ME. Converted in 2004 to a trail guide for the Riverlands State Park by the Androscoggin Land Trust.
- 1998 Miller, Ethan. *Re-storying the Landscape: An Ethnobotanical Field Guide to the Delaware Watershed*. Self-published. Supported by the Philip J. Otis Fund, Bates College.

#### OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2007 Miller, Ethan. "Help Wanted: Independence from the Corporate Economy." *Yes! Magazine*. Winter Issue.
- 2006 Miller, Ethan. "Other Economies Are Possible: Organizing Toward an Economy of Cooperation and Solidarity." *Dollars and Sense Magazine*. July/August Issue.
- 2001 Miller, Ethan and Matt Schlobohm. "Steps Toward Understanding: A Walk Through the Northern Forest." *Northern Woodlands*. Summer Issue.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Lecturer in Environmental Studies  
Bates College, Lewiston, ME

Winter 2015 – Winter 2022

#### COURSES TAUGHT

***Oikos: Rethinking Economy and Ecology*** (mid-level, ES & Politics, Bates College)  
***Land and Livelihood*** (mid-level, Environmental Studies, Bates College)  
***Life Beyond Capitalism*** (first year seminar, Bates College)  
***Reading Marx, Rethinking Marxisms*** (mid-level, Politics, Bates College)  
***What Is A Human?*** (introductory-level, Anthropology, Bates College)  
***Community-Engaged Research in Environmental Studies*** (capstone course, Bates)  
***Environment and Society*** (introductory-level, Envr. Studies, Bates College)  
***Politics of Nature*** (upper-level seminar, Envr. Studies, Bates College)

## WORKSHOPS AND TALKS

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### TALKS

- 2024 “Land Back and Liberated Zones: Building Power and Reworking Relations Through Community Land Trusts.” with Kali Akuno, Cooperation Jackson. UMass Amherst, February 20, 2024.
- 2023 "Reimagining Property, Land & Home in Colonized Wabanaki Territory." Northeastern School of Law colloquium. March 29, 2023.
- 2018 “Name, Connect, Create: Organizing for Life Beyond ‘The Economy’.” Keynote talk at *La Grande Transition/The Great Transition* conference, University of Quebec, Montreal. May 19, 2018.
- 2009 “Towards a Solidarity Economy: See, Name, Connect, Create!” (with Elandria Williams, Highlander Research Center). Keynote talk at the *Forum on the Solidarity Economy*, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2009.
- 2008 “Building a Solidarity Economy: Worker Cooperatives and the Movement for Another World.” Keynote talk at the *Fair Work Symposium*, organized by the Center for Family Life, Brooklyn, NY. December 5, 2008.

### SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

- 2024 Workshop on “Land Justice & Land in Common,” with the Building Solidarity Economies class, UMass Amherst. February 18-19, 2024.
- 2023 Workshop on “Spatial Justice and Decolonizing Solidarity” with the Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Spatial Justice working group. Northeastern University School of Law. March 30, 2023.
- 2023 “Land, Labor, Livelihoods” with Kali Akuno and Boone Shear. Building Worker Power Conference. UMass Amherst, March 26, 2023.
- 2022 Workshop on *Reimagining Livelihoods*, with Katherine Gibson. Law & Regions Group, Harvard Law School. October 21, 2022.
- 2018 “Assemblage and Power,” day-long theory seminar with the Collectif de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la contestation (CRIC), Montréal. May 21, 2018.
- 2016 “Beyond Capitalism? Toward the Economic Self-Determination of Communities” Seminar co-led with Katherine Gibson, organized by the Collectif de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la contestation (CRIC), Montréal. April 11, 2016.

2014 “Toward Posthuman Livelihoods: Regional 'Development' Beyond Economy, Environment and Society.” Institute for Culture and Society seminar series, University of Western Sydney, Australia. November 12, 2014.

#### COMMUNITY EDUCATION WORKSHOPS (SELECTED)

2019 “Protecting Maine’s Homesteads for a Just and Sustainable Future” Workshop for Land in Common community land trust, Dover-Foxcroft, ME. November 10, 2019.

2018 “Commoning the Land: Strategies for Cooperative Land Care and Land Justice” Workshop at *Our Community, Our Economy: Economic Justice for Maine* conference. November 10, 2018.

2016 “Beyond Capitalism?/Sortir du Capitalisme?” Day-long workshop with Quebecois autonomous cooperative projects, Concordia University, Montréal. Co-led with Katherine Gibson. April 10, 2016.

2016 “Should Environmentalists Also Be Prison Abolitionists?” Workshop for Martin Luther King Day, Bates College. Co-developed and facilitated with students Zsofia Duarte, Emma Egan, and Cash Hadean.

2011 “Building a Solidarity Economy: Ideas and Strategies for Grassroots Economic Organizing.” Workshop at *Students of Sustainability Conference*. Charles Sturt University, Albury, NSW, Australia.

2010 “Permaculture and Solidarity Economics.” (with Olivia Geiger). Workshop in *Permaculture Introduction Course*, taught by Lisa DePiano. Amherst, MA.

2009 “Solidarity Economy 101.” Workshop at the *Forum on the Solidarity Economy*, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

2008 “What's The Economy For, Anyway?” (with Emily Kawano). Workshop at the *National Conference on Workplace Democracy*. New Orleans, LA.

2007 “Worker Cooperatives and Workplace Democracy.” Workshop at *NASCO Institute*. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

2007 “Building a Solidarity Economy from Real World Practices.” (with Emily Kawano, Center for Popular Economics). Workshop at the *U.S. Social Forum*. Atlanta, GA.

2006 “Beyond ‘Jobs’: Rethinking Maine's Economy.” Workshop at *Sustainable Maine Conference*, University of Maine. Farmington, ME.

## ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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### PAPER PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2014 Nov. “Beyond Economy, Society, and Environment: Ecological Livelihoods in the Anthropocene.” In *Rethinking Economies and Ecologies* session. Knowledge, Culture & Economy Conference, University of Western Sydney, Paramatta, NSW (Australia).
- 2014 April “Ecopoiesis in the Anthropocene.” In *Geophilosophy and the Geo-Social* session. Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL.
- 2014 March “Posthuman Livelihoods: Rethinking 'Development' Beyond Economy, Environment and Society.” In *Posthuman Political Ecology* session. Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY.
- 2013 Sept. “A Surplus of Surplus: From Accounting Convention to Ethical Coordinates.” In *Rethinking Surplus: Diverse Economies Perspectives* session. Rethinking Marxism Gala, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2012 Feb. “Connecting the Dots: From Community Economies to Solidarity Economy.” In *Growing Community Economies Through Economic Solidarity: Local and Regional Development Perspectives* session. AAG Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

### CONFERENCE PANELS

- 2019 Participant, “Appreciative Author Meets Critics” session on my book, *Reimagining Livelihoods*, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington D.C.
- 2016 Panelist, “Gazing at Power in Alternative Economies Research” session, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- 2012 Panelist, “Reimagining Settlements” session, Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- 2011 Panelist, “Diverse Economies” session (with Katherine Gibson, Stephen Healy, Katherine McKinnon, and Kelly Dombroski), Antipodean Economic Geography Symposium. State Library of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### CONFERENCE SESSION ORGANIZING

- 2014 Co-organizer, “Rethinking Economies, Rethinking Ecologies” paper session. Knowledge/Culture/Economy International Conference, Institute for Culture and Society, University of Western Sydney, Australia.

- 2013 Co-organizer, “Rethinking Surplus: Diverse Economies Perspectives” paper session. Rethinking Marxism Gala, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2012 Co-organizer, “Growing Community Economies Through Economic Solidarity: Local and Regional Development Perspectives” session. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

- 2015-2022 Environmental Studies Program Committee (Bates College)
- 2017-2019 Community Economies Institute (CEI) founding Board
- 2012-2019 Community Economies Collective (CEC) website maintenance & design team
- 2012-2015 Community Economies Collective (CEC) Organizational Development Committee

#### **REVIEW WORK**

City & Community  
 Geografiska Annaler Series B  
 International Sociology  
 Polity Press  
 Progress in Human Geography  
 Rethinking Marxism  
 Teknocultura

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- 2009-2022 Association of American Geographers
- 2009-2018 Community Economies Collective (CEC)
- 2013-Present Community Economies Research Network (CERN)
- 2018-Present Community Economies Institute (member)

#### **SOCIAL CHANGE & COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK (SELECTED)**

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- 2003-Present Land in Common community land trust. Land protection, legal support, organizing and education for land justice in Maine. Co-founder, 2003-2008; Board, 2008-2010, 2012-Present; Staff, 2019-Present.
- 2001-Present Wild Mountain Cooperative (formerly JED Collective). Co-founder of cooperative homestead and community gathering and education space in Greene, Maine.
- 2003-2011 Grassroots Economic Organizing. Solidarity economy news service and organizing collective. Editorial Coordinator, 2007-2008; Editor and Tech Admin, 2003-2011.

- 2007-2009 U.S. Solidarity Economy Network. National coordination network for solidarity economy organizations and enterprises. Co-founder, 2007; Board, 2007-2009.
- Jan-July 2004 Lead organizer, *Other Economies Are Possible* sub-conference within the Boston Social Forum, July 23-25, 2004.

#### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2005-Present Orchardist & nursery farmer, Wild Mountain Cooperative farm & nursery. Grafting, planting, and care of fruit trees using permaculture-inspired ecological practices.
- 2004-2009 Maine Migrant Health Program, Health Outreach Worker and Mobile Clinic Coordinator.
- 2005-2007 Blueberry Raker, Arthur Harvey's Organic Blueberries.
- 2002-2003 Dairy worker, Nezinscott Farm (Turner, ME)