

## Kayleigh Ward

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### EDUCATION

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- 2022 **Doctor of Philosophy**, Michigan State University  
Sociology and Environmental Science & Policy (Dual Major)  
Thesis: "Assessing disaster management effects on recovery outcomes in rural post-disaster Japan"
- 2018 **Masters**, Michigan State University  
Sociology  
Thesis: "Beyond recovery: Rural Tohoku local politics, governance, and the erosion of social capital during reconstruction."
- 2016 **Bachelors**, University of San Diego  
Sociology and English

### RESEARCH AREAS

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Environmental sociology • Community development • Sustainability science • Community-based participatory research • Rural studies • Disaster and risk management

### PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

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- 2022 **Professional GIS Certification**. Accredited by MSU Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences. Core competencies: Geospatial technology, remote sensing, geographic information systems, and cartography.
- 2022 **Certification in Community Engagement**. Accredited by MSU University Outreach and Engagement. Core competencies: Community-engaged research, approaches, practice, and service.  
Portfolio: "Addressing community problems: deepening community unity through volunteerism, activating community ties, and generating new connections."

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Ward, K.** 2021. "Effects of Reconstruction Planning on the Utility of Social Capital in Minamisanriku, Miyagi after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake" *Social Sciences* 10, no. 7: 254. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci10070254>

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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**Ward, K.** "Using participatory discourse analysis to evaluate community disparities." To be submitted to *Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship*.

**Ward, K.** “Using community-based participatory social capital mapping to understand power inequality.” To be submitted to *Field Methods*.

**Ward, K.** “Disaster preparedness: what matters more—social location or disaster experience?” To be submitted to the *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*.

#### NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Chickowore, N., Collier, J., Djenontin, I., Yingjie, L., **Ward, K.** 2019. “Addressing PFAS in the state of Michigan.” *ESP Pulse, Spring issue*. (Alphabetical authorship).

#### ORGANIZATION REPORTS

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**Ward, K.** 2022. PTG 10-year Impact Report (*English/Japanese*)

**Ward, K.** 2017. PTG Research Partnership Report. From *Community Roots: Post-disaster Public Policy and Roles of Organizations in Development (Japanese)* (Part 2)

**Ward, K.** 2016. PTG Research Partnership Report. From *Community Roots: Post-disaster Public Policy and Roles of Organizations in Development (Japanese)* (Part 1)

#### HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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2022 Milestone Award Fellowship

2022 University Outreach and Engagement Award for Community Engagement Scholarship

2021 Graduate School Writing in the Disciplines Fellows (\$2,000)

2021 Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$9,000)

2021 Graduate Office Fellowship (\$1,200)

2019 Fulbright Japan, Graduate Research Fellow (\$38,000)

2018 Graduate Office Fellowship (\$2,300)

2018 Summer Research Fellowship (\$2,700)

2017 Research Enhancement Award (\$5,850)

2016 Outstanding Achievement and Leadership Award

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2022 Using participatory discourse analysis to evaluate unequal community recovery trajectories. *Engagement Scholarship Consortium Annual Conference*, Athens, GA.

2021 The consolidation and diffusion of social capital in post-disaster rural Japan. *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, virtual.

2018 Beyond recovery: Rural Tohoku—Local politics, governance, and the erosion of social capital during reconstruction. *Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR.

2017 Beyond recovery: Tohoku in the face of reconstruction. *Sociology of Development Conference*, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

2017 From community roots: Cultivating voices of hope and resilience from Miyagi. *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Portland, OR.

2016 Grounded: Tokyo perspectives on Fukushima. *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Oakland, CA.

#### INVITED TALKS

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2021 Civil Society and the 3/11 Virtuous Cycle. *Institute of Contemporary Asian Studies*, Temple University, Japan Campus, virtual.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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##### *2017-2022 Research assistant*

- 2022 Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Survey. PI: Dr. Raymond Jussaume, MSU  
2021 Development in Japan. PI: Dr. Raymond Jussaume, MSU  
2018 Political affiliation and climate change attitudes. PI: Dr. Aaron McCright, MSU  
2017 Farmer selection of sources of information for nitrogen management in the US Midwest: Implications for environmental programs. PI: Dr. Sandra Marquart-Pyatt, MSU

#### PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

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##### *2022-current Postdoctoral associate*

- 2022 Institutional bricolage for urban water justice: A cross-case comparison of cities in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. PI: Laura Senier, NU  
2022 Organizational values determining the implementation of Customer Assistance Programs. PI: Laura Senier, NU  
2022 Community-based participatory research on green and blue spaces in Boston. PI: Laura Senier, NU

##### *2018-2021 Instructor*

- 2021 Sociology 316: Youth and Society. Asynchronous online.  
2019 Sociology 316: Youth and Society. Online.  
2018 Sociology 316: Youth and Society. Online.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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##### *2016-2021 Teaching assistant*

- 2021 Sociology 316: Youth and Society. Asynchronous online.  
2020 Integrated Social Sciences 210: Society and the Individual. Synchronous online.  
2019 Sociology 100: Introduction into Sociology.  
2018 Sociology 100: Introduction into Sociology.  
2017 Integrated Social Sciences 210: Society and the Individual. Special topic: power.  
2016 Sociology 215: Race and Ethnicity

#### UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENT SERVICE

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- 2021-2022 Committee member, ESPP Director Search Committee.  
2021-2022 Committee member, MSU Presidential Survey Committee.  
2021-2022 Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair, Council of Graduate Students.  
2020-2022 Representative, College Hearing Board.  
2020-2021 Representative, University Committee on Honors Program.  
2019-2021 Representative, Council of Graduate Students.  
2019-2018 Representative, Undergraduate Education Committee.  
2017-2018 Director, Graduate Student Organization, Sociology Collective.

## INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL WORK & SERVICE

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### *2016-current volunteer*

- 2020-current US Correspondent, Minamisanriku Tourism Association (南三陸町応援団),  
Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2019-current English tutor and translator volunteer, Minamisanriku Junior Academy,  
Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2017-2022 Events volunteer, Place to Grow (NPO), Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2016-current Volunteer farmhand and volunteer coordinator, Green Farmers Miyagi, Ltd.,  
Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2015-2017 Events volunteer, OGA for Aid (NPO), Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan

### *2016-2022 staff*

- 2021-2022 Leadership board member, Place to Grow (NPO), Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2019-2022 Research coordinator, Place to Grow (NPO), Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2017-2022 Programs coordinator, Place to Grow (NPO), Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2017-2022 Community advisor, Place to Grow (NPO), Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2016-2017 Community advisor, OGA for Aid (NPO), Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan
- 2016-2017 English tutor, OGA for Aid (NPO), Minamisanriku, Miyagi, Japan