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EDUCATION

PhD., Community Sustainability, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
Michigan State University, Current
Specialization: Nature-Connectedness, Arts-Based Research, & Wellbeing

M.S., Community Sustainability, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources
Michigan State University, 2025
Specialization: Nature-Connectedness, Wellbeing, and Local Food Systems

Thesis: *Nature-Connectedness & Wellbeing for Customers at Mid-Michigan's Farmer's Markets*

B.A., Psychology, with distinction, College of Social Science
Michigan State University, 2022

FUNDED RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Submitted Manuscripts & Manuscripts in Preparation

Quillinan T. & Lissy G. (article in preparation) Stories Never Die: Cultural Continuity & Adaptation in Rajasthan's Kaavad Community. Target journal is *Craft Research*.

Quillinan T. & Lissy G. (article in preparation) Where Nature Meets the Marketplace: A Study of Well-Being and Environmental Design. Target journal is *The International Journal of Community Well-being*.

Quillinan T., Goralnik L, Boucher E., (article in preparation) The Nature of the Page: Handmade Paper as a Platform for Sustainability in Jaipur, India. Target journal is *People & Nature*

Quillinan T. & Goralnik L. (article in preparation) Nature-Connectedness & Wellbeing for Customers at Mid-Michigan's Farmer's Markets. Target journal is *People and Nature*.

Shah M., Quillinan T., Sohn W. (article in preparation). Performance Challenges and Optimization Strategies for Constructed Wetlands in Cold Climates: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. Target journal is *Nature Reviews, Earth, and Environment*.

Peer-Reviewed & Published Conference Abstracts

Shah M., Sohn W., Quillinan T. (2025, December) *Performance Challenges and Optimization Strategies for Constructed Wetlands in Cold Climates: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*. AGU Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LO.

Public-Facing Scholarship

Quillinan, T. (2026). The Last Kaavad. (A Cross-Cultural, Community-Engaged Craft Documentary in Partnership with JKLU) Udaipur, India.
<https://youtu.be/bJwYmctRyUA?si=xpZqFafOaOzWr3bC>

Quillinan, T. (2025). The Nature of Things: Handmade Paper in Rajasthan, India. (A Cross-Cultural, Community-Engaged Craft Documentary in Partnership with The Indian Institute of Craft & Design) Jaipur, India. <https://youtu.be/XeMLDFg0QpE?si=hwa5LsJ4SLrOx4W>

Boucher, E. (Co-Created with), Mattes, S., Munoz, L., Beadle, J., Darabie, A., Andres, A. & Quillinan, T. (2022). Capital Area Farmers Markets in Lansing, Michigan. (A Community-Engaged, Teaching & Learning Documentary), Lansing, United States. <https://youtu.be/d72i2yzIXpY>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Quillinan T. (2026, October) *Where Nature Meets the Marketplace: Well-Being & Nature Connectedness for Customers at Mid-Michigan's Farmer's Markets*, Poster Presentations, Annual Conference of the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies, Orlando, FL

Quillinan T (2026, March). *Applying for a Fulbright: Tips and Advice for Students or Faculty Considering a Fulbright*, Speaker Panel, Second Annual Michigan Fulbright Symposium, East Lansing, MI

Shah M., Sohn W., Quillinan T. (2026, March) *Performance Challenges and Optimization Strategies for Constructed Wetlands in Cold Climates: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*. Oral presentation, CILA, Cincinnati, OH

Shah M., Sohn W., Quillinan T. (2025, December) *Performance Challenges and Optimization Strategies for Constructed Wetlands in Cold Climates: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis*. Poster presentation, AGU Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LO

Boucher, E., Quillinan, T., & Darabie, A., (2023, October). *Documentary Research as Engaged Teaching and Learning: A Pedagogical Model for Large-Format General Education Courses in Integrative Studies in Social Science*. Oral presentation, 45th Annual Conference of the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies, Lubbock, TX

Boucher, E. & Quillinan, T. (2021, May) *ISS Innovation: Documentary Storytelling as Engaged Teaching & Learning in General Education*. Poster & Short Documentary presented at Michigan State's Annual Teaching, Learning, and Student Success Conference, East Lansing, MI.

AWARDS, NOMINATIONS, & GRANTS

U.S. Fulbright Semi-Finalist for India 2026, U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA),

Association for Interdisciplinary Studies (AIS) Honorarium Recipient (2026), \$650

Social Science India Study Abroad Award, College of Social Science, MSU (2026), \$1,000

CANAR Research Enhancement Award, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources (2026), MSU, \$1,000

Dr. Delia Koo Global Studies Award, Asian Studies Center (2026), MSU, \$1,000

Nominated for The Featherstone (Outstanding Senior) Award (2022), MSU

CERTIFICATIONS

Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Certification, MSU, awarded (2027)

TEACHING, RESEARCH, & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

IDS 499: Instructional Team Member, Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science, MSU (2023- 2027)

Visting Faculty: Placed-Based Storytelling in Inquiry and Design: A Qualitative Methods Course for Designers, Rajasthan, India, Department of Design, JKLU (2026)

IDS 495: Curriculum Assessment & Fieldwork Facilitator, Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science, MSU (2023-2026)

Co-Investigator: *A Systematic Literature Review for Restoring Wetland and Terrestrial Habitat to Improve Green Space and Water Quality in Pierce Park, MI.*, with Dr. Wonmin Sohn, School of Planning, Design, and Construction, University of Michigan (2025-2026)

ISS 299: Interdisciplinary Team Lead, Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science, MSU (2020- 2022)

SELECT INVITED PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

Hamm Noris Seminar: Guest Presenter, "Place Based Storytelling through Kaavad Woodcraft: Cultural Continuity & Contemporary Adaptations," MSU, United States (2026)

Department of Design: Guest Speaker & Workshop Facilitator, “More Than a Material: Paper as a Contemplative Tool.” JKLU, Rajasthan, India (2026)

Department of Linguistics, Languages, & Cultures: Guest Presenter for *Intercultural Communication Gaps in Business Interactions*, “Crafting the Interview Protocol for Undergraduate Researchers,” MSU, United States (2026)

Large Classes Learning Community: Guest Speaker, “Effective Team Instruction in Large Format Social Science Courses,” Center for Integrative Studies, MSU, United States (2026)

CSUS 322: Guest Instructor for *Leadership in Community Sustainability, Out-Group Membership* Lecture & Activity, Community Sustainability, MSU, United States (2025)

CSUS 200 & CSUS 300: *Theories & Practices in Sustainability*, Guest Presentation, “Toward Holistic Approaches to Sustainability through Handmade Papermaking in Rajasthan,” MSU, United States (2025)

Center for Asian Studies: Film Presentation and Discussion, “The Nature of the Page: Handmade Paper in Rajasthan, India,” Department of Linguistics, Languages, & Cultures, MSU, United States (2025)

SSC 495: Interdisciplinary Research Methods Guest Speaker Panel, “Oral History and Interviews as Research Methods,” MSU, United States (2024)

Innovations in Teaching & Learning Community: Guest Speaker Panel, “Team-Based Teaching & Learning in Large-Format General Education Classes,” MSU, United States (2022)

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Researcher: Handmade Paper as a Platform for Sustainability, In Collaboration with the Department of Design, JKLU, Jaipur, Rajasthan (2026)

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

Jury Member & Evaluator, Final User Design Research Critique, Department of Design, JKLU, Rajasthan India, (2026)

Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Collaboration, Learning, and Engagement (CIRCLE)
Affiliate: Office of Research & Innovation, MSU, (2026- Current)

Art's Based Research (ABR) Community Member: Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Collaboration, Learning, and Engagement (CIRCLE), Office of Research & Innovation, MSU, (2026- Current)

Mentor & Moderator for Emerging Creatives: *Rewilding: New Stories of Collective Wellbeing* in Undergraduate Research, Interdisciplinary Incubator, MSU, (2026)

Standing Committee: Curriculum Assessment for Undergraduate Success in Interdisciplinary Research Methods, Member, MSU (2024-2027)

Culture, Access, & Inclusion Representative: Community Sustainability, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources, MSU (2024- 2026)

CIS Research Forum: Poster Evaluator for Undergraduate Research in Interdisciplinary Research Methods, MSU, (2023- 2027)

Film Festival Judge: Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science, MSU (2022)
<https://cisresearchforummsu.com/festivaljudgespanel>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & WORKSHOPS

Research Talk's Seminar Series for Qualitative Researchers with Jonny Saldana (2024)

Center for Interdisciplinary Research, Collaboration, Learning, and Engagement (CIRCLE) Workshops (2023- 2025)

LANGUAGES

English

Basic Hindi

LMS

Desire2Learn (D2L)