

Education

- 🌐 **Ph.D., cultural anthropology**; University of Tennessee, Knoxville: 2014
 - Dissertation: “Communities of Abundance: Sociality, Sustainability, and the Solidarity Economies of Local Food-Related Business Networks in Knoxville, Tennessee”
- 🌐 **M.A., folk studies**; Western Kentucky University: 2002
- 🌐 **B.A., anthropology**; University of Tennessee: 1998
 - Honors: summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Interests/Areas of Specialization

Culture, Agriculture & Food Systems; Environmental Studies; Biocultural diversity; Agroecology/ Historical Agroecology; Traditional/Local Ecological Knowledge; Climate Studies; Environmental & Food Justice; Science & Technology Studies; Place-based, Applied, and Participatory Methodologies

Teaching & Research Experience

Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies & Sustainable Food Systems 2021-Present **Guilford College**

- Full time faculty responsible for teaching, advising, course development and research in major degree program areas and cross curricular offerings.
- Developed and taught the following courses:
 - Introduction to Food Systems
 - Sustainable Regional Food Systems
 - Environment & Society: Introduction to Environmental & Sustainability Studies
 - Plants & People: Introduction to Ethnobotany
 - Land, Food, and Freedom
 - Cultures, Crops, Cuisines
 - Rubbish!: The Anthropology of Waste
 - Food, Forests, and Folkways: Appalachian Field Studies
- Initiated and/or led the following research, collaborative, and land-based projects:
 - Resilient Community Food Systems Initiative (internally funded grant)
 - New Garden Seed Bank at Guilford College
 - Underground Railroad Ethnobotany Project (externally funded grant)
 - Heirloom Collards Projects
 - Piedmont Polyculture Project

Faculty, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems 2017-2021 **Sterling College**

- Full time faculty responsible for teaching, advising, course development and research in major degree program area and general college curriculum.
- Taught and/or provided curricular support for the following courses:

- Foundations in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
 - Landscape, Food, & Culture
 - U.S. Food & Agriculture Policy
 - Social Economy
 - Native Food & Farming Traditions of the Americas
 - Security, Sovereignty and Justice in the Global Food System
- Development, Co-developed, and/or co-instructed the following field courses in the college's Global Field Studies Program:
 - Mesoamerican Food Sovereignty (Guatemala-based field course)
 - Mountain Ecosystems and Sustainable Development (Peru-based field course)
 - Research in Tropical Ecosystems & Agroforestry (Belize-based field course)

Director/Co-Director, Rian Fried Center for Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems, Sterling College

2017-2021

- Responsible for collaborative oversight of Center programs and initiatives, including management of the college's working landscapes (farm, forest); specifically responsible for community outreach and research initiatives, and RFC-related curricular development
- Development of outreach, community service, and funding initiatives linking research and learning, including: Quarterly newsletter; Abenaki-Dawnland Heritage Garden; Keystone Cultivars Project; Black River Seed Library & Dawnland Seed Hub; Community Small-Grains Initiative; Global South Solidarity Series

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

2015-2017

Socio-Ecological Systems & Climate Variability

Center for Applied Social Research, University of Oklahoma

- Intensive, interdisciplinary, community-based research on land-use change, resource management, and climate adaptation strategies among production and non-production landowners at multiple scales
- Demanded familiarity and engagement with vulnerabilities and programmatic opportunities for minority producers, especially American Indian landowners
- Produced research articles, conference presentations, as well as practical decision support tools for agricultural extension and resource management professionals

Lecturer

2014-2015

Department of Anthropology

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2014; Spring 2015)
- Environmental Anthropology (Fall 2014)
- Applied Anthropology (Fall 2014)
- Food, Agriculture, & Environmental Justice (Spring 2015)
- Visual Anthropology (Spring 2015)

Graduate Teaching Associate

2014

American Studies Program

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- Introduction to American Studies (Spring 2014)

Graduate Teaching Associate

2008-2013

Department of Anthropology

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

- American Consumer Cultures: Consumption, Waste, and Sustainable Futures (Fall 2012; Fall 2010)
- Globalization, Consumerism, and Sustainability (Fall 2011)
- Global Conservation & Sustainable Communities (Fall 2009)
- American Cultures (Fall 2008)
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (2008-2013)

Additional Relevant Experience

Kentucky Folklife Program, Frankfurt, KY (2001)

Independent Folklorist/Ethnographer

“Mammoth Cave Area Traditional Basket Makers Survey”

Bramble Hill Farm, Goodlettsville, TN (2006-2008)

Owner/Manager

**University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, Knoxville,
TN (2009)**

Community Garden Team Leader, La Fortuna Project,
Suchitepéquez, Guatemala

Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center, Washburn, TN (2012-2013)

Garden & Grounds Manager

Publications, Multi-media, Technical Reports

- VanWinkle, Tony. (Forthcoming 2025). “Wilderness of Peaches, Empire of Apples: Cherokee Orchards and the Decolonization of Southeastern Pomology.” *Native South*.
- Daniels, C. Wess, Bronwyn Corry Tucker, & Tony VanWinkle. (2023). “A Doorway Into Life: Voices from Guilford College’s Sustainable Food Systems Program.” *Friends Journal* (Online Features). Retrieved from: https://www.friendsjournal.org/a-doorway-into-life/?fbclid=IwAR2DZN3WC8UsZ3VC1LonAnm3olzC5j5FYPZE58GY9hgS8h_kUEmS_qcoYug.
- VanWinkle, Tony. (2023). “Living with Ambiguity and *Akebia*: Invasive Species and Trickster Ecologies.” In Greenhorns (Ed.), *The New Farmer’s Almanac, Volume 6: Adjustments and Accommodations*. White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green.
- VanWinkle, Tony. (2022). “Ecologies of Resistance: The Underground Railroad Ethnobotany Project.” *Black Perspectives* (Peer Reviewed Blog Post of the African American Intellectual History Society). Retrieved from: <https://www.aaihs.org/ecologies-of-resistance-the-underground-railroad-ethnobotany-project/>.
- VanWinkle, Tony. (2022). “Colonization by Kale: Marginalized Foods, Seed Sovereignty, and Experiential Learning in Critical Food Systems Education.” *Food, Culture, & Society*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15528014.2022.2077531>.
- VanWinkle, Tony. (2021). “Weeds and/as Ancestors: Coevolution, Cultural Memory, and the Ambivalence of Garden Maintenance.” In Greenhorns (Ed.), *The New Farmer’s Almanac, Volume 5: The Grand Land Plan*. White River Junction, VT: Chelsea Green.
- VanWinkle, Tony. (2020). “Who, What, and How Much is Essential?” *Food First* Blog. Retrieved from: <https://foodfirst.org/who-what-and-how-much-is-essential/>
- VanWinkle, T.N & J.R. Friedman. (2019). “Between Drought and Disparity: American Indian Farmers, Resource Bureaucracy and Socio-Environmental Vulnerability in Southwestern Oklahoma.” *The Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2019.09B.022>.

- VanWinkle, T.N. & J.R. Friedman. (2018). "American Indian Landowners, Lease-men, and Bureaucrats: Property, Paper, and the Poli-Technics of Dispossession in Southwestern Oklahoma." *American Indian Quarterly* 42 (4): 508-533.
- VanWinkle, Tony. (2018). "Weeds, Herbicides, Bodies: Emerging Entanglements in Toxic Agricultural Landscapes," *Engagement* (Peer-Reviewed Blog Post). Retrieved from: <https://aesengagement.wordpress.com/2018/03/08/weeds-herbicides-and-bodies-emerging-entanglements-in-toxic-agricultural-landscapes/>.
- VanWinkle, Tony N. (2017) "Savor the Earth to Save it!": The Pedagogy of Sustainable Pleasure and Relational Ecology in a Place-Based Culinary Culture." *Food & Foodways* 25 (1): 40-57.
- VanWinkle, Tony & Jack R. Friedman. (2017). "Ethnography in the Upper Washita Watershed & Caddo County, Oklahoma." ResearchGate, DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.17038.51524](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.17038.51524).
- VanWinkle, Tony & Jack R. Friedman. (2017). "An Ethnography of Oklahoma's Lower Cimmaron River Watershed." ResearchGate, DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.10327.62889](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.10327.62889).
- VanWinkle, T.N & J.R. Friedman. (2016) "What's Good for the Soil is Good for the Soul: Scientific Farming, Environmental Subjectivities, and the Ethics of Stewardship in Southwestern Oklahoma." *Agriculture & Human Values* 34: 607-618.
- VanWinkle, Tony. "The Woman Who Planted Trees: Community Forestry and the Bowie Legacy in Fairview, TN." *The Tennessee Conservationist*, October 2008
- Pezzoni, Daniel J. (ed.), Tony N. VanWinkle, Deborah J. Thompson, & Elizabeth C. Stevens. (2009). *The Architectural History of Watauga County, North Carolina*. Watauga County Historical Society: Boone, NC.
- VanWinkle, Tony N. (2001). "White Oak Basket Making in South-Central Kentucky: 31W Folklife Survey Comprehensive Report." Kentucky Folklife Program. Frankfort, KY.

Presentations & Invited Talks

- **2025.** "Upper Cumberland Blues: Place-Based Podcasting and Autoethnography as Archive, Storytelling, and Counter-Narrative"
 - Rural Reimagined: Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference, Cookeville, TN.
- **2024.** "Map, Markers, and Mother Trees: (Re)Interpreting an Abolitionist College Landscape as Networked Archive"
 - Archives in the Atlantic: Carolina Low Country in the Atlantic World Conference, Charleston, SC.
- **2023.** "Freedom, Foodways, and Fugitive Ecologies: Subsistence as Resistance from Halifax, North Carolina to Halifax, Nova Scotia"
 - Universities Studying Slavery Symposium, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- **2022.** "Ecological Abundance and/as the Praxis of Freedom"

- Reassessing George Fox: 350+ of Quakers in North Carolina Mini-Conference, Greensboro, NC.
- **2022. “Carolina Creole Garden Project: Reconciliation and Resilience in a Regional Food System”**
 - Cultivating Connections: AFHVS/ASFS Annual Conference, Athens, GA.
- **2022. “Ecologies of Resistance: The Underground Railroad Ethnobotany Project”**
 - Universities Studying Slavery Symposium, Greensboro and Winston-Salem, NC.
- **2022. “How do Other Food Studies Programs Work?”**
 - Virginia Tech Food Studies Program Spring Workshop, Blacksburg, VA (and remote).
- **2022. “Seed Rematriation and Community Seed Sovereignty”**
 - Northeastern Organic Farmers Association, Vermont Chapter Winter Conference, Burlington, VT.
- **2022. “The Seeds of Vandana Shiva” Film Panel Discussion**
 - Northeastern Organic Farming Association, New Hampshire Chapter Winter Conference, remote (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MECJ-M3-q4g>).
- **2021. “Decolonizing Sustainable Food Systems Education” (Co-organizer)**
 - American Anthropological Association annual conference, Baltimore, MD (and remote).
- **2021. “Story Maps and Digital Humanities as Tools for Anthropological Education, Communication, and Effective Collaboration”**
 - Society for Applied Anthropology annual conference, Norfolk, VA.
- **2021. “Farm Based Education in Every City and Town” Panel Presentation**
 - Farm Based Education Network, International Workshop on Agritourism Virtual Series, remote (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUej7iYOoLI>).
- **2020. “Cultures of/and Culturing: Traditional Fermentation and Food Enhancement”**
 - Northeast Organic Farming Association, Vermont Chapter Winter Conference, Burlington, VT.
- **2019. Co-presenter, “Walking, We Ask Questions”/“Strategies for Social & Environmental Justice: Insights from India” (with Vandana Shiva)**
 - School of the New American Farmstead (Sterling College) Workshop, Craftsbury Common, VT.
- **2019. “Colonization by Kale: Reclaiming “Healthy” Food Through Indigenous Food & Seed Sovereignty Education”**
 - Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit, Portland, ME.
- **2017. “Fire, Fences, and Fragmentation: Woody Encroachment, and the Ethnography of Community Composition on the Prairie-Plains”**
 - Society for Applied Anthropology annual conference, Santa Fe, NM.

- **2017. “From Tanka Bars to Ted’s Montana Grill: Conservation, Revitalization, and Neoliberal Nostalgia in the Contemporary Bison Ranching Industry”**
 - Society for Applied Anthropology annual conference, Santa Fe, NM.
- **2016. “Precipitation Envy & Irrigation Frontiers: Negotiating Water Scarcity and Abundance in the Great Plains Border Zone,” with Michael Stanton**
 - Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.
- **2016. “When a Tree is Not a Tree: Ethnographic Contributions and Challenges to GIS in the Southern Plains,” Jack Friedman, Tony VanWinkle, Michael Stanton, & Miriam Laytner**
 - Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, CA.
- **2015. “Ethnographic Research in the Upper Washita Watershed: Community Resource Relations & Climate Vulnerability”**
 - Oklahoma NSF/EPSCoR Annual State Conference, Norman, Oklahoma.
- **2015. “Modeling Qualitative Social Data: Collaborative Approaches for and Continuing Challenges to Crossing the Qualitative-Quantitative Divide,” Jack R. Friedman, Jennifer Koch, Duncan Wilson, and Tony VanWinkle**
 - Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Baltimore, MD.
- **2015. “Nostalgia and Remembrance in the Cultural Economy of Southern Appalachian Urban Food Movements”**
 - Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.
- **2013. “Utopian Entrepreneurialism: Artisanal Politics, Sustainability, and the Moral Economies of Alternative Food-Related Businesses”**
 - Annual conference of the Society for the Anthropology of North American, Durham, NC.
- **2009. “Eco-political Performance and the Life Cycle of Coal: Mobilizations, Demonstrations, & Tensions Following the TVA-Kingston Coal Fly-ash Disaster”**
 - Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- **2009. “A History of Resistance to Surface Coal Mining in Southern Appalachia”**
 - Guest presentation for Mountain Justice Spring Break, Roane County, TN.
- **2009. “The Politics of Knowledge in the Southern Coalfields: Mountaintop Removal, The NEPA Process, and Technocratic Discourse”**
 - Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Conference, Santa Fe, NM.
- **2002. “It’s a Long Way to Harlan! Coal Mining and Music and the Western Kentucky Coalfields”**
 - Annual International Country Music Conference, Nashville, TN.

Service, Outreach, Community Action

- Guilford College, (2021-present)
-Land Stewardship Committee
- Guilford College, (2021-present)
-Land Acknowledgement Working Group
- Vermont Folklife Center (2019-2021)
-Board of Trustees
- Sterling College (2019-2020)
-Chair, Equity Council
- Sterling College (2019-2021)
-Faculty Council
- Sterling College (2018-2019)
-Racial Justice Committee
- St. Francis of the Woods Farm, Coyle, OK (2017-2020)
-Service on Land Use Planning/Ecological
Restoration Committee
- Vision Farms, Inc., Guthrie, OK (2016-2017)
-Board of Directors
- Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center, Washburn, TN (2010-2013)
-Food Production Coordinator (AmeriCorps Volunteer), 2012-
2013
-Chair, agriculture committee, 2012
-Chair, programs committee, 2010-2013
-Member of Agriculture committee, 2010-2012

Affiliations/Memberships

- North Carolina Agroecology Educators Network
- Cultural & Agriculture Section, American Anthropological
Association
- American Botanical Council
- Agricultural History Society
- Food, Agriculture, and Human Values Society

- Society for Applied Anthropology

References:

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