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## BIO

Veronica holds a PhD from American University School of International Service. She also has an MA in Gender and Diversity Studies and an MPA in Economic Planning and Development, as well as additional certifications in agricultural science and agroecology. Her research interests relate to global environmental governance for agricultural conservation, biodiversity preservation, and community land-and-water rights. She specializes in Indigenous territorial rights, food and agricultural sovereignty, and agrarian policy in the Americas. She also works on issues of environmental peacebuilding, especially related to transitions from illicit crop production and agrobiodiversity for conflict resolution.

## EDUCATION

- **Doctorate, International Relations**, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellow  
*Dissertation: Agrobiodiversity in Resistance: Indigenous and Afro-Descendant Territorial Rights via Environmental and Agricultural Governance in the Americas*  
Concentration: **Global Environmental Policy**  
American University, School of International Service. Fall 2023
- **Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, Gender and Diversity Studies**, Fall 2014, GPA: 3.99  
*Thesis: Eating in Opposition: Strategies of Resistance through Food in the Lives of Rural Andean and Appalachian Mountain Women* ([dc.etsu.edu/etd/2466](http://dc.etsu.edu/etd/2466))  
**Master of Public Administration**, Policy, Economic Development and Planning, Fall 2014 .  
GPA:4.0.  
East Tennessee State University 2014
- **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Women's Studies** Concentration: International Affairs Graduated summa cum laude.  
East Tennessee State University 2010

## ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Coursework, The Global Ecology of Pandemics, University of Oslo, Norway, August 2021
- Decolonizing Research Methods, certification of completion, Summer 2020, by El Cambalache Collective, Oaxaca Mexico

- Agroecology Certification, awarded by Navdanya Institute for Technology, Ecology, and Science, Dehradun, India. 2015.
- Nonviolent Communication and Mediation Certification by The Hummingbird Institute, Taos, New Mexico. 2013

## EXPERIENCE

- **Postdoctoral Fellow, National Science Foundation:** Project entitled *Measuring Impacts of Community Seed Banks on Nutrition, Food Security, and Food Sovereignty in Underserved Regions*. January 2024-present
- **Board of Directors, Highlander Research and Education Center,** August 2023-present
- **Agricultural Policy Researcher,** under Dr. Garrett Graddy-Lovelace, for agrobiodiversity governance and gender equity, *Disparity to Parity, Farm Bill Policy Governance & Implementation*, American University, School of International Service, August 2017-present
- **Committee Organizer, Appalachian Agrobiodiversity Summit,** partnership with American University, SESYNC-NSF, Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, January-September 2019
- **Policy Research Assistant, Accountability Research Center** under Dr. Jonathan Fox and Dr. Rachel Robinson at American University, SIS, MacArthur Foundation Grant 'On Nigeria' for Social Accountability Improvement, Fall 2018- May 2020
- **Co-Principal Investigator,** with Dr. Garrett Graddy-Lovelace and Alder Saxena-Keleman, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC) on **Agrobiodiversity and Food Security**, administered by American University School of International Service Fall 2018-present
- **Research Assistant,** under Dr. Jesse Ribot, for the Responsive Forest Governance Initiative, Fall 2019-Summer 2021. American University, Washington DC.
- **International Working Group Researcher,** Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative, The International Institute of Social Studies and the Journal of Peasant Studies. ISS, The Hague, Netherlands.
- **Agroecology Research Exchange Fellow,** Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Summer 2017, 2018, 2019, and Fall 2022
- **Consultant,** American Farmland Trust, Green Earth Connection, for Women's Conservation & Land Learning Circles, Summer 2016
- **US-NEHRU Fulbright Fellow,** United States-India Education Foundation, US Department of State, August 2015-May 2016
- **Program Development Consultant,** Women's Studies Program, East Tennessee State University August 2013-Jan. 2014
- **Policy Advocate,** United Nations, UN Commission on the Status of Women, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, February 2012
- **Locally Grown Development Coordinator,** AmeriCorps VISTA, Appalachian RC&D Council February 2014-March 2015
- **Founder, Program Leader,** Build It Up East Tennessee: Food Justice and Empowerment, November 2011-August 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

### Academic, Peer Review

- Limeberry, V. (under review). "The Necropolitics of Food: Pandemics and Disposable Laborers".
- Limeberry, V. and Graddy-Lovelace, G. 2023. "Data and the Seed: Democratizing Research for Emancipatory Policy and Agrobiodiversity Governance." *Droits & Cultures*.  
<https://journals.openedition.org/droitcultures/8896?lang=en>
- Limeberry, V. (Forthcoming). "Unto These Hills: Appalachian Cherokee Food Rights and the Limits of State Conservation" in *Race in Rural America*, edited by Carter, A., Robinson, K., Harvey, M., and Tanaka, K. The Rural Sociological Society, Rural Studies Series. UNC Press.
- Auerbach, J., Munoz, S., Affiah, U., Barrera de la Torre, G., Borner, S., Cho, H., Cofield, R., DiEnno, C.M., Graddy-Lovelace, G., Klassen, S., Limeberry, V., Morse, A., Natarjan, L., Walsh, E. 2022. "Displacement of the Scholar? Participatory Action Research under COVID-19 and a Reimagining of University Support." *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*.  
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fsufs.2022.762065>
- Auerbach, J., Munoz, S., Affiah, U., Barrera de la Torre, G., Borner, S., Cho, H., Cofield, R., DiEnno, C.M., Graddy-Lovelace, G., Klassen, S., Limeberry, V., Morse, A., Natarjan, L., Walsh, E. 2022. "Displacement of the Scholar II: Reimagining Institutional Support for PAR Post-COVID." *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems*.  
<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fsufs.2022.916384/full>
- Limeberry, V. and Fox, J. 2021. "Co-Opting the Rural: Regionalization as Narrative in International Populist Authoritarian Movement Organizing." *Journal of Rural Studies*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2020.08.033>
- Limeberry, V. (2014). "Eating In Opposition: Strategies Of Resistance Through Food In The Lives Of Rural Andean And Appalachian Mountain Women." Johnson City, TN: East Tennessee State University. <https://dc.etsu.edu/etd/2466/>

### Editor, Academic Journals:

- Limeberry, V., Montenegro, M., Keleman Saxena, A., Luna-Gonzalez, D., Cely-Santos, M., Graddy-Lovelace, G., Zimmerer, K. Editors, 2022-2023. *Agrobiodiversity Nourishes Us/La Agrobiodiversidad Nos Nutre: Action Research for Agroecological Transformations*. Special Issue for *Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene*.  
[https://online.ucpress.edu/elementa/pages/agrobiodiversity\\_nourishes\\_us?](https://online.ucpress.edu/elementa/pages/agrobiodiversity_nourishes_us?)

### Social-Facing Publications

- Limeberry, V. Forthcoming, 2024. "The Green Transition Illusion and Electric Vehicle Manufacturing in Appalachia and Beyond." *Mergoat Magazine*, Issue 4.
- Limeberry, V. 2022, November 19. "Illicit Crop Substitution, Agroecology, and Gustavo's Path Forward in Colombia." *Colombia Support Network*. <https://colombiasupport.net/2022/11/csn-newsletter-fall-2022/>
- Limeberry, V. March 2021. Mexico: Setting a "New Social Ethic" of Sustainability? AULA, American University Center for Latino and Latin American Studies Blog. <https://aulablog.net/2021/03/31/mexico-setting-a-new-social-ethic-of-sustainability/>
- Limeberry, V. 2016. "Seeding Food, Farms, and Freedom: Veronica Limeberry Links India to Appalachia." Interview by Marat Moore. *Now & Then: The Appalachian Magazine* 31.2. Winter: 47-50

## Peer Reviewer

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- Journal of Rural Studies
- Journal of Agrarian Change
- Journal of Agriculture and Human Values
- The Professional Geographer
- International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy

## Professional Associations

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- International Studies Association
- American Association of Geographers
- Latin American Studies Association
- Mid-Atlantic Latin American Studies Association
- Political Ecology Network

## SERVICE CONTRIBUTIONS

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- Doctoral Student Representative and Advocate to American University, 2021-2022
- Organizer, Academics for Black Lives, Summer Faculty & Doctoral Student Workshop, 2020
- Mentor and advocate, incoming doctoral students, 2019-2022
- AmeriCorps VISTA (2014-2015), Martin Luther King Day Jr day of justice organizer, Johnson City TN, 2014/2015
- Volunteer, Small Miracles Animal Therapy for Children with Disabilities, 2009-2013
- Organizer, El Corazon Latino, 2012/2013/2014
- Summer School for Children of Migrant Farmworkers (K-12), summers of 2011, 2012, 2013
- Highlander Center STAY Youth Appalachian Program, 2007-2008
- President, Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance at ETSU, 2007-2010
- Vice President, Student Environmental Justice Coalition, 2008-2010

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2020-2021.
- American Association of University Women, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. Accepted for reward, declined for Ford Fellowship, 2020
- American Association of Geographers Dissertation Award, April 2020.
- Award for Samuel L. Sharp Award for Creativity in Research at the Doctoral Level in International Relations. 2019. Awarded by American University School of International Service.

- Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative Accepted Participant in Global Dialogue at The Hague. Awarded by the International Institute of Social Studies and Journal of Peasant Studies. 2018.
- US-NEHRU Fulbright Fellow Award for India, 2015-2016. Awarded by the Fulbright Program, United States India-Education Foundation, and the US Department of State.
- Outstanding Master's Thesis in Arts & Humanities, 2015. Awarded by ETSU.
- Graduate Student Feminist Activist of the Year, 2015. Awarded by ETSU.
- Hometown Heroes Award, 2014. Awarded by Appalachian Coal Country Team.
- Patricia E. Robertson Leadership in Diversity Award, 2012. Awarded by ETSU.

## LANGUAGE

- American Sign Language, native speaker
- Spanish, advanced-intermediate, certification for completion of language immersion in 2010 at Cambio Spanish School, Antigua, Guatemala and completion of language immersion in 2011 at Mundo Verde Spanish Academy in Peru
- French, intermediate, certification for coursework from 2006-2010, East Tennessee State University
- Hindi, beginner, language immersion at Navdanya Bija Vidyapeeth, August 2015-April 2016
- Norwegian, beginner

## REFERENCES

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