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Current Position

06-2024 to present Principal Investigator New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health/Northeast Center for Occupational Health and Safety, Bassett Healthcare Network, Cooperstown, New York

Appointments, Affiliations, and Academic awards

Appointments and affiliations

11-2023 to 05-2024 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, Dept of Public Health and Epidemiology, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI)

01-2023 to 08-2023 **Research Fellow**, Fulbright engagement: Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

09-2022 to 08-2023 **Visiting Researcher**, Fulbright engagement: Bassett's New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health (NYCAMH),

11-2018 to 09-2019 **Research Assistant**, Irish College of General Physicians (ICGP).

10-2017 to 05-2018 **Research Assistant**, Bioscience Research Institute, TUS, Ireland

Academic Awards

06-2022 to 08-2023 **Fulbright Scholarship Recipient** (Columbia University in the City of New York)

04-2020 to 11-2023 **Teagasc Walsh Scholarship Recipient**

09-2019 to 11-2023 **SETU President Scholarship Recipient**

Research interests: Masculinity and mental health, farmer health, rural sociology, social determinants of health, mental health and suicide prevention targeted at 'hard to reach' populations of men

Doctoral Study

Exploring and supporting male farmer mental in rural Ireland

Related Peer Review Publications:

Hammersley, C., Richardson, N., Meredith, D., McNamara, J., Carroll, P., & Jenkins, P. (2024). *‘Supporting Male Farmer Mental Health: Analysing the effectiveness of a bespoke farmer mental health training programme targeted at farm advisors in Ireland.* Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension, 30(1), 1–29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1389224X.2024.2339801>

Hammersley, C., Meredith, D., Richardson, N., Carroll, P., & McNamara, J. (2023). *Mental health, societal expectations and changes to the governance of farming: Reshaping what it means to be a ‘man’ and ‘good farmer’ in rural Ireland.* Sociologia Ruralis, 63(S1), 57–81. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soru.12411>

Hammersley, C., Richardson, N., Meredith, D., McNamara, J., & Carroll, P. (2022). *Qualitative study exploring health supports for male farmers in rural Ireland.* Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension, 29(4), 511–538. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1389224X.2022.2082498>

Hammersley, C., Richardson, N., Meredith, D., Carroll, P., & McNamara, J. (2021). *“That’s me, I am the farmer of the land”: Exploring identities, masculinities, and health among male farmers in Ireland.* American Journal of Men’s Health, 15(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/15579883211035241>

Rose, D. C., Budge, H., Carolan, M., Hall, J., **Hammersley, C.**, Knook, J., Lobley, M., Nye, C., O’Reilly, A., Shortland, F., & Wheeler, R. (2023). *Farming wellbeing through and beyond COVID - 19: Stressors, gender differences and landscapes of support.* Sociologia Ruralis, 63(S1), 3–10. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soru.12425>

Thesis

Hammersley, C. (2023). *'Sons of Soil': Exploring and supporting male farmer mental health in rural Ireland* (Doctoral dissertation, South East Technological University). Pending publication.

PhD Defense Decision: Distinction with no modifications required, November 2023.

Grant Awards

01-2025	Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health	Award No. U19OH012297: Title: <i>Navigating Industry Change: A Mixed-Methods Study on Structural Change and Male Farmer Mental Health in Upstate New York</i>
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Journal Reviewer

10-2025	J of Ag Education and Extension	RAEE-2025-0186: <i>Educational Resource Needs and Strategies for Successful Transition and Succession Planning in Dairy Farm Business</i>
09-2025	Health Science Reports	<i>Mental Health Burden Among Austrian farmers: Sociodemographic, Work-related, and Health Behavior Factors</i>
07-2025	Journal of Agromedicine	WAGR-2025-0038.R1: <i>Resilience, Loneliness, and Mental Well-being in the UK Farming Community</i>
05-2025	Health Security	HS-2025-0072: <i>One Health Security 2035: Embedding Mental Health Intelligence in Multilateral Crisis Governance</i>
10-2024	Intl J. of Men's Social and Community Health	IJMSCH-2024-0011: <i>Farming Men Responding to Hardship with Social Connection: a Photovoice Project on Masculinities and Positive Mental Health</i>
05-2024	Journal of Agromedicine	WAGR-2024-0062: <i>A mixed methods assessment of an online mental health and resilience programme for agricultural students</i>
04-2023	Sociologia Ruralis	SORU-23-024: <i>Passive endurance. An analysis of barriers to aid among Male Flemish farmers.</i>
09-2023	Journal of Agromedicine	WAGR-2023-0120: <i>Youth mental health stigma and self-efficacy among adult agricultural leaders</i>
06-2022	Journal of Agromedicine	WAGR-2022-0034: <i>The impact of COVID-19 on farmers' mental health: a case study of the UK</i>

Reports/Policy Documents

Hammersley C, Serhan W, Sharp MK, Cullinan M, Clyne B. (2025) Stakeholder perceptions of 'guidance and standards' for developing clinical practice guidance in Ireland. Evid Policy. 2025 Jul 9; PubMed PMID: 40713158.

Hammersley, C., Richardson, N., Meredith, D., McNamara, J., & Carroll, P. (2024). *Supporting male farmer mental health in Ireland: Final evaluation report*. Available at: <https://engagetraining.ie/app/uploads/2024/07/OFG.Final-Evaluation-Report.pdf>

Hammersley, C. (2024). *Men, masculinity, consent, and sexual relations in Ireland: A qualitative exploratory study*. Dublin Rape Crisis Center (DRCC), WE-Consent Project. In press, pending publication.

Hammersley, C., & Doyle, K. (2022). *The Man Box: Men and masculinity in Ireland today*. Men's Development Network, Ireland. Available at: [MAN-Survey Final-Report.pdf](https://www.manbox.ie/2022/07/20/Man-Box-Final-Report.pdf)

Hammersley, C., Richardson, N., Meredith, D., McNamara, J., & Carroll, P. (2020). *Exploring the context of male farmer mental health and support opportunities in Ireland: A formative evaluation report*. Available at: <https://www.teagasc.ie/media/website/publications/2020/On-Feirm-Ground—Wellbeing-for-farmers.pdf>

Collins, C., Hanley, K., **Hammersley, C.**, Doran, G., & Foy, F. (2019). *"Finding a future path": Career intentions of GP trainees and recent GP graduates: Report of the 2019 survey*. Irish College of General Practitioners. Available at: [Career-intentions-report-of-GP-trainees-and-recent-graduates.pdf](#)

Distinguished Recognition

O-1 Visa Recipient Awarded by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to individuals with extraordinary ability or achievement in their field of expertise, *April 2024 – Present*

Invited by the President of Ireland to attend the global 'HeForShe' function at Áras an Uachtaráin (House of the President) In recognition of my work on gender and health in rural communities. *June 2022*

Certificate of Recognition from the European Society for Rural Sociology (Sociologia Ruralis) Recognized for being in the top 10% of authors cited by this journal, 2023. *Impact Factor: 3.2*

Advisory Positions

Advisory board member: Johns Hopkins POE (Psychosocial factors, Organizational conditions, and Environmental exposures) Total Worker Health Center in Mental Health, Baltimore, MD. October 2024 – present

Advisory board member: University College Dublin (UCD), Agri Mental Health Group '*Farming Minds*', *Developing evidence-based interventions to enhance farmer mental health*. Dublin, Ireland. September 2024 - present

Advisory board member: European Innovation Partnerships (EIP) project, FARM CONNECT, European farm mental health project, Brussels, Belgium. April 2022 – present

Advisory board member: Football Cooperative: A community football health intervention for Men. South East Technological University (SETU), Waterford, Ireland. October 2024 - present

Advisory group member for the Ireland's national rape crisis center, DRCC, with specific responsibilities for the sexual consent implementation framework for men and rural communities. Dublin, Ireland. July 2022 – present

Advisory board member (and lead researcher): Ireland's '*On Feirm Ground*' project, a national farmer mental health support initiative, October 2019 – August 2023

Conferences / Seminars (Recent & Relevant)

Hammersley, C., (2025, September). *Stucturation and rural masculinity: A mixed methods exploration of the impacts of food system centralization on male farmer identity and mental health*. Nordic Meeting of Agricultural Occupational Health. Oral Presentation. Ystad, Sweeden.

Hammersley, C., (2025, July). *Structure, Agency, and Farmer Mental: Exploring the Interplay of Structure and Agency in the Context of Farmer Mental Health and Dairy Farm Consolidation across New York State – a study design*. Bassett Grand Rounds Presentation, Cooperstown, New York.

Hammersley, C., (2025, June). *Dairy Farmer Mental Health A Mixed-Methods Exploration of the Impacts of Food System Centralization Dairy Farmers' Mental Health*. ISASH Conference, Portland, Maine.

Hammersley, C., Trombley, D., & Sorensen, J. (2025, April). *Investigating the impacts of food system centralization and monopolization on farmers, identity, and rural communities, and food system stability*. Public Health Student Forum at Johns Hopkins University.

Hammersley, C., & Sorensen, J. (2025, February). *Rural masculinity, despair, and the decline of blue Collar farm viability*. Agents of Change 2025 Pulbic Health Summit, San Diego

- Hammersley, C.** (2023, February). *Exploring and supporting male farmer mental health: A qualitative comparative analysis between Upstate New York and Ireland*. Grand rounds session, Bassett Medical Center, Cooperstown, NY (Virtual Webinar).
- Hammersley, C.** (2022, October). *Supporting rural men's wellbeing: Learnings from across the pond*. Presentation at CALS live session, The Dyson School of Applied Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
- Hammersley, C.,** Richardson, N., Meredith, D., Carroll, P., & McNamara, J. (2022, June). *'On Feirm Ground': Supporting rural men's wellbeing: Exploring a potential role for farm advisory staff*. Presentation at the WONCA World Rural Health Conference, University of Limerick, Ireland.
- Hammersley, C.,** Richardson, N., Meredith, D., Carroll, P., & McNamara, J. (2022, June). *Ireland, agriculture and manhood: Masculinities, change, and wellbeing in rural Ireland*. Presentation at the Men and Masculinities Conference, University of Washington Tacoma (Virtual Webinar).
- Hammersley, C.,** Richardson, N., Meredith, D., Carroll, P., & McNamara, J. (2021, November). *'On Feirm Ground': Supporting male farmer mental health*. Presentation at the HSE Health & Wellbeing series: *The when of Men's Health* (Virtual Webinar).
- Hammersley, C.,** Richardson, N., Meredith, D., Carroll, P., & McNamara, J. (2021, June). *'That's me, I am the farmer of the land': Exploring farming identities, masculinities, and health in Ireland*. Presentation at the 25th European Seminar on Extension & Education, Cavan, Ireland.
- Hammersley, C.,** Richardson, N., Meredith, D., Carroll, P., & McNamara, J. (2021, September). *'That's me, I am the farmer of the land': Exploring farming identities, masculinities, and health in Ireland*. Presentation at the 2021 Nordic Meeting on Agricultural Occupational Health and Safety, Trondheim, Norway.
- Hammersley, C.,** Richardson, N., & Carroll, P. (2020, October). *On 'Feirm' ground: A formative evaluation of a bespoke male farmer mental health training program targeted at agricultural advisors in Ireland*. Presentation at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo, Men's Health Caucus, San Francisco, CA (Virtual Webinar).

Education

09-2019 to 11-2023	PhD (Research), Health Sciences South East Technological University, IRE
09-2016 to 09-2018	MSc (Research), Health Promotion Munster Technological University, IRE
09-2012 to 09-2016	BBus, Sport and Exercise Munster Technological University, IRE

Other

Research lead on Ireland's first quantitative attitudinal study on men and masculinity, as part of a wider international study with Equimundo (Centre for Masculinities and Social Justice) based in the USA

Op-ed: published in the Irish Examiner looking at culture, masculinity, and ethics of care: [Influencers Andrew Tate and Jordan Peterson are symptoms of fraying ethic of care](#), March 2025

Book Launch: Invited by Pegasus Book publishers to launch award winning author John Connell's latest book, *The Lambing Season: Stories of Life on an Irish Family Farm* - [THE LAMBING SEASON by John Connell, in conversation with Conor Hammersley](#), October 2024

Guest speaker: Ireland's National Rape Crisis Center, DRCC, Webinar: [Preventing Violence against Women, What Need to Change?](#) Virtual Webinar, February 2022

Sport: All-Ireland Hurling Medal winner, 2019

References and further information available upon request