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Nicole Peterson is an environmental and economic anthropologist who studies how communities respond to changes in natural resource availability and how to improve adaptation and resource management. After receiving her Ph.D. from UC San Diego for her work focusing on a Mexican marine protected area, she joined the Center for Research on Environmental Decisions at Columbia University. While there, Nicole collaborated with psychologists, climate scientists, economists, and others to study decision-making under uncertainty, including climate change adaptation in Ethiopian and Argentinian agriculture. She is now an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at UNC Charlotte, studies Charlotte area food security, and is part of the Integrated Network for Social Sustainability, a diverse and open community focused on the value of understanding social aspects of sustainability for planning and practice. While at NSF, Nicole will be in the Office of International Science and Engineering.