

## Noah Allison

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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University of Toronto. Postdoctoral Fellow, Culinaria Research Centre, 2021-2023

McGill University. Visiting Ph.D. Scholar, School of Architecture, 2019-2020

UC Berkeley. Visiting Ph.D. Scholar, College of Environmental Design, 2018-2019

Queens College-CUNY. Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Urban Studies, 2018

Hunter College-CUNY. Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Urban Policy & Planning, 2017

### EDUCATION

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The New School

Ph.D. Urban and Public Policy, 2020

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

M.A. Gender and Sexuality in Global Politics, 2022

California Polytechnic State University

M. Urban and Regional Planning, 2011

University of California, Santa Barbara

B.A. History of Architecture & Environment, 2008

### ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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Quebec Writers Federation

Creative Writing Workshop, 2020

University of Southern California

Historic Preservation Certificate, 2010

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Cities and social justice

Sub/urban politics

Culinary work

International migration

Contested spaces

### TEACHING INTERESTS

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Urban studies

Planning and policy

Food studies

Marxism and intersectional politics

Qualitative, quantitative, and visual research methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Review

“Little Arabia: A California Ethnoanchor.” *Urban History*. February 2021.  
DOI:10.1177/0096144221992036

“Mobilizing the Streets: The Role of Food Vendors in Urban Life.” Co-editor with Krishnendu Ray and Jaclyn Rohel. *Food, Culture & Society* vol. 24 issue 1, 2021.

“Introduction” in Mobilizing the Streets: The Role of Food Vendors in Urban Life, Co-author with Krishnendu Ray and Jaclyn Rohel. *Food, Culture & Society* vol. 24 issue 1, 2021. DOI: 10.1080/15528014.2020.1860454

“Epilogue: A Round Table on Street Vending,” Co-author with Jaclyn Rohel. *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies*, vol. 20 No. 1, Spring 2020. DOI: 10.1525/gfc.2020.20.1.21

“Migration & Restaurants: Mapping America’s Most Diverse Thoroughfare.” *Graduate Journal of Food Studies* 4, no. 1, 2017. DOI: 10.21428/92775833.f849c9a0

### Book Reviews

Mogilevich, Mariana. Review of “The Invention of Public Space: Designing for Inclusion in Lindsay’s New York.” *Buildings & Landscapes: Journal of the Vernacular Architecture Forum* 28, no. 2, 2021. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5749/buildland.28.2.0124>

Rosales, Rocio. Review of “Frutereros: Street Vending, Illegality, and Ethnic Community in Los Angeles.” *Gastronomica*. Vol. 21 Issue 3, 2021. DOI .org/10.1525/gfc.2021.21.3.102

Fincher, Ruth, Kurt Iveson, Helga Leitner, and Valerie Preston. Review of “Everyday Equalities: Making Multicultures in Settler Colonial Cities.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 2021. DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2021.1900587

Rhys-Taylor, Alex. Review of “Food and Multiculture: A Sensory Ethnography of East London.” *Food and Foodways* vol. 28, 2019. DOI:10.1080/07409710.2019.1642550

### Other Publications

“Spiders,” in *Chronicling the Days: Dispatches from a Pandemic*. Edited by Morra, Linda and Marianne Ackerman. Quebec, Guernica Press: 2021.

“Unpacking the Composition of a Multiethnic Streetscape in Queens, New York.” *PLATFORM*. April 12, 2021.

“Street Food, Spatial Struggles, and Citizenship,” *Medium — Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative*. August 24, 2020.

“Little Arabia: A Southern California Ethnoanchor,” *PLATFORM*. October 24, 2019.

*In Preparation*

### Book Manuscripts

“Migrant Foodways: Identity, City Making, and Power in Queens, New York.” (in discussion with presses)

“City, Street, and Food: The Role of Hawkers in Urban Life.” Co-editor with Krishnendu Ray and Jaclyn Rohel. (Routledge)

### Peer-Review

“Queens’ Restaurants and Food Carts: Crucibles of National Plurality,” *Gastronomica* (accepted)

“The Ecology of Diversity Plaza.” *Gender, Place & Culture*, (in progress)

“Organizing Spatial and Edible Equity in Toronto’s Peripheries.” *City & Community*, (in progress)

“A Pandemic, Food Assistance Programs, and Toronto’s Food Sovereign Future.” Co-author with Sarah Elton, Jayeeta Sharma, and Jaclyn Rohel. *Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*. (in progress)

### Book Chapters

“New York City’s Roosevelt Avenue,” in *Home Grown: Limit and Logic of Self-Sufficiency in the Realm of Urban Food Systems*. Urban Research Publications-Terreform. (forthcoming)

### Book Reviews

Fuster, Melissa. Review of “Caribeños at the Table: How Migration, Health, and Race Intersect in New York City.” *Gastronomica*. (forthcoming)

### PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP: MEDIA COVERAGE & PODCASTS

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Open Belly Podcast, segment collaborator, June 2019. <https://www.openbellypodcast.com/episodes-season-two>

“Mapping Queens’ Roosevelt Avenue, Bite by Bite,” *Culinary Backstreets*, May 2017. <https://culinarybackstreets.com/cities-category/queens/2017/mapping-roosevelt-avenue/>

“PhD Student Can Say He Ate All Along Roosevelt Ave. for Research,” *DNA.info*, March 2017. <https://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20170316/corona/roosevelt-avenue-restaurants-immigrant-study/>

“Eating in Boyle Heights,” segment producer, *89.9 KCRW-Good Food*, March 2012. <https://www.kcrw.com/culture/shows/good-food/brainaise-irradiated-food-eating-in-boyle-heights>

“Cultural Preserver & Environmental Planner-Good Food Preservation Blog,” *Good Food Jobs*, January 2012. <https://www.goodfoodjobs.com/blog/noah-allison-cultural-preserver-environmental-planner-good-food-preservation-blog-consultant/>

### FILMS

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“Los Angeles Urban Forest Initiative,” Co-created with Elisabet Amat Ollé and Shahrzad Razi. *American Institute of Architects Film Competition*. August 16, 2021.

“Reimagining Los Angeles’ Public Sphere,” Co-created with Elisabet Amat Ollé. *American Institute of Architects Film Competition*. August 25, 2020.

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Co-Lead, 2021-Present  
*Feeding City Lab*—Culinaria Research Centre, University of Toronto

Digital Research Manager, 2016-Present  
*City Food*—Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, New York University

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Sessional Instructor, summer 2022  
Special Topics in Urban Studies: Race, Gender, and Informality (B.A.)  
Innis College-University of Toronto, Urban Studies Program

Adjunct Lecturer, spring 2018  
Researching New York City (M.A.)  
Queens College-City University of New York, Department of Urban Studies

Adjunct Lecturer, spring 2017  
Introduction to Urban Planning (M.U.P.)  
Hunter College-City University of New York, Department of Urban Policy and Planning

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Principal Transportation Planner, 2014-2018  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Transit-Operations Planning

Associate Environmental Planner / Architectural Historian, 2011-2014  
California Department of Transportation-District 7 (Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)

Architectural Historian / Environmental Planner, 2010-2011  
Galvin Preservation Associates-Los Angeles

Architecture & Planning Consultant, 2010-2011  
Design Vidal-Los Angeles

Planning Intern, 2009-2010  
City of Los Angeles Planning Department, Office of Historic Resources

### INVITED TALKS

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“From Dissertation to Book,” fall 2021  
The New School, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment (Ph.D.)

“Banal Nationalism: A Wicked Problem,” fall 2021  
University of Toronto Scarborough, Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies (M.A.)

“Building Culture & Everyday Urbanism,” fall 2020  
City College of New York, Department of Architecture (M.Arch.)

“Planning Informality,” fall 2020  
The New School, Parsons School of Design (B.A.)

“Migration, Mobilities, and Space: A Queens Case Study,” spring 2019  
Yale University, Department of History (B.A.)

“Eating and Moving along Queens’ Roosevelt Avenue,” spring 2018  
New York University, Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, (Ph.D.)

“Spatial (in)Justice & NYCT,” fall 2016  
Columbia University, School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation (B.Arch. & M.Arch.)

“The Demise of Pruitt Igoe,” fall 2014  
The New School, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment (M.A.)

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2022 “Diversity, Public Plazas, and Everyday Contestations,” Paper Session. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Toronto, Ontario.

2022 “The Ecology of Queens Diversity Plaza,” Paper Session. Society For American City and Regional Planning History, New York, New York.

2022 “Feeding City: Pandemic and Beyond,” Plenary Session Chair. Association for the Study of Food and Society. The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

2022 “Multigroup Neighborhoods and Bottom-Up Projects of Nationalism,” Paper Session. Association for the Study of Food and Society. The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

2020 “Little Arabia: A California Ethnoanchor,” Paper Presentation. PhD Symposium: Divergence in Architecture (peer-reviewed). Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia.

2019 “Restaurants, Street Food, and Everyday Urban Practices,” Paper Session. Society For American City and Regional Planning History, Arlington, Virginia.

2019 “Immigrant Foodways: Everyday Urban Practices in Multiethnic Neighborhoods,” Paper Session. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Greenville, South Carolina.

2019 “Taste and Place: Engaging Difference in Multiethnic Neighborhoods,” Digital Poster. International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, & Nations. University of Patras, Patras, Greece.

2017 “Methods for Understanding Difference in Twenty-First Century Cities,” Paper Session. International Conference on Food Studies. Roma Tre University, Rome, Italy.

2017 “Mapping the Unmapped: Sidewalk Vendors Along New York City’s Roosevelt Avenue,” Paper Session. City Food Symposium-A Political and Cultural History of Street Food Vending. Urban Space/The City Panel: New York University, New York, New York.

2017 “Negotiating Difference Along America’s Most Diverse Thoroughfare,” Paper Session in the Urban Space and Politics Panel. Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Urban Studies, Urban Planning, and Public Policy. Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

## SERVICE

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### Scientific and Organizational Committee Member

2020 City Food Symposium “Food and Regulation: Practitioner Perspectives on Vending and Markets in Four American Cities.” Institute of Public Knowledge, New York University. (Postponed)

2019-2020 Doctoral Student Architecture & Planning Round Table. School of Architecture, McGill University.

2018 City Food Workshop: “Comparative Study of Street Vending Across Place and Time.” Nutrition and Food Studies Department, New York University.

2017 City Food Symposium: “A Political and Cultural History of Street Vendors in the Global City.” Nutrition and Food Studies Department, New York University.

### Workshops, Colloquia, Forums, Reviews, & Round Tables

2021 Urban Food Security and Sustainability in Times of Crisis and Beyond-Workshop. University of Manchester Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI) and the University of Toronto’s Culinary Research Centre. (Chair)

2021 Long Term Care Studio. McGill University, Department of Architecture. (Reviewer)

2020 Building Culture Studio 25. City College of New York, Department of Architecture. (Reviewer)

2020 “Multiethnic Landscapes: Ordinary Architectures,” PhD Student Architecture & Planning Round Table. McGill University, Peter Guo-hua Fu School of Architecture. (Presenter)

2019 “New York City + Ethnic Multiplicity,” Architecture Round Table Presentation. University of California at Berkeley, College of Environmental Design. (Presenter)

2019 Emerging Creatives Student Summit at James Madison University. Alliance for the Arts in Research Universities (a2ru). Theme: Food and Place. (Participant)

2017 “Street Food Regulations and Policy Panel,” City Food Public Event-A Political and Cultural History of Street Food Vending. New York University, Institute of Public Knowledge. (Moderator)

2016 “Immigrant Restaurateurs: Negotiating Difference Along America’s Most Diverse Corridor,” The Kea Fiedler Research Colloquium. The New School. (Presenter)

2016 “Land Use, People and Environment (URBP 719),” City University of New York- Hunter College, Department of Policy and Planning. (Panelist)

2016 Planning Accreditation Board, Program Renewal Process. City University of New York- Hunter College, Department of Policy and Planning. (Participant)

2016 “Land Use, People and Environment (URBP 719),” City University of New York- Hunter College, Department of Policy and Planning. (Panelist)

2015 “Global Immigrant Neighborhoods Shaping the Post-Industrial Cities,” New York University’s Nutrition and Food Studies Department. (Presenter)

Peer-Reviewer

City & Community. 2021- Present  
Urban Governance. 2021-Present  
Buildings & Landscapes. 2021-Present  
Ethnic and Racial Studies. 2020-Present  
Food, Culture & Society. 2019-Present

AWARDS, HONORS, & GRANTS

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The Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility Grant, The New School. 2020  
Society of American City and Regional Planning History Award, 2019  
Student Research Award- The New School, 2018-2019  
Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment Research Awards, 2017-2019  
Graduate Planning Student Association Thesis Award, 2011  
Dean's Scholar, Cal Poly, 2010-2011  
UCSB National Society of Leadership and Success Honors recipient, 2006-2008

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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QGIS, MAXQDA, Photoshop, Illustrator, SketchUp, WordPress, and Office

MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
Association for the Study of Food and Society  
Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning  
Canadian Association of Geography  
Canadian Anthropology Society  
Society of American City & Regional Planning History  
Vernacular Architectural Forum