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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Urban and Public Policy, The New School
- M.A. Gender and Sexuality in Global Politics, SOAS, University of London
- M. Urban and Regional Planning, California Polytechnic State University
- B.A. History of Architecture and Environment, UC Santa Barbara, *cum laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2021-23 Postdoctoral Fellow, Culinaria Research Centre, University of Toronto
- 2019-20 Visiting Ph.D. Scholar, School of Architecture, McGill University
- 2018-19 Visiting Ph.D. Scholar, College of Environmental Design, UC Berkeley

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Urban Studies | Social & Political Theory | Food & Society
Race, Gender, Ethnicity, & Diasporic Studies | Politics of Difference | Intersectionality
Immigrant Geographies | Contested Spaces | Everyday Life/Death
Nations | Borders | Governance
Ethnography | Visual Research Methods | Community Engaged Research

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED

- 2021 “Little Arabia: A California Ethnoanchor.” *Urban History*. Vol. 47, issue 2.
- 2021 “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.
- 2020 “Epilogue: A Round Table on Street Vending,” Co-author with Jaclyn Rohel. *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies*, vol. 20 No. 1.
- 2017 “Migration & Restaurants: Mapping America’s Most Diverse Thoroughfare.” *Graduate Journal of Food Studies* 4, no. 1.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 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 Rosales, Rocio. Review of “Frutereros: Street Vending, Illegality, and Ethnic Community in Los Angeles.” *Gastronomica*. Vol. 21 Issue 3.
- 2021 Fincher, Ruth, Kurt Iveson, Helga Leitner, and Valerie Preston. Review of “Everyday Equalities: Making Multicultures in Settler Colonial Cities.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- 2019 Rhys-Taylor, Alex. Review of “Food and Multiculture: A Sensory Ethnography of East London.” *Food and Foodways* vol. 28.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 “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*.
- 2020 “Street Food, Spatial Struggles, and Citizenship,” *Medium—Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative*.
- 2019 “Little Arabia: A Southern California Ethnoanchor,” *PLATFORM*.

IN PREPERATION

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

“Immigrant Urbanism: How Diversity, Life-Making, and Power Intersect in North American Cities.” (in discussion with presses)

PEER-REVIEWED

“Queens’ Restaurants and Food Carts: Portraits of Nationhood,” *Cultural Geography* (accepted)

“The Ecology of Diversity Plaza.” *Gender, Place & Culture*, (revise and resubmit)

“Spatializing Intersectionality and Marxism.” *Spectre*. (submitted)

“Sidewalk Toil: Practices of Urban Citizenship.” *Antipode*, (in progress)

“Food as Spatial Practices of Landscapes.” *Buildings and Landscapes*, (in progress)

“Struggle and Survival: Graffiti in Post-Pandemic New York.” Co-author with Victor Canno Ciborro. *City & Society*. (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

REPORTS

2022 “Small Food Enterprise Outreach Project,” City of Toronto and the University of Toronto. Co-lead with Jayeeta Sharma, Jacklyn Rohel, and Joel Dickau.

2022 “Little Arabia’s Community Needs Survey,” Arab American Civil Council. Consultant with Rashad Al-Dabbagh and Amin Nash.

MEDIA COVERAGE & PODCASTS

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

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

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

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

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

FILMS

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

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

PUBLIC EXHIBITS

2022 “Street Food: Practices of Urban Citizenship,” University of Toronto’s Research Revealed Exhibition. <https://researchrevealed.utoronto.ca/street-food-practices-of-urban-citizenship/>

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & GRANTS

2021 Clusters of Scholarly Prominence, University of Toronto (co-applicant)

2021 Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Toronto

2020 The Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, The New School

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022- Research Associate, *Sustainable Farming and Food Futures Cluster*, University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2021- Co-Lead, *Feeding City Lab*—Culinaria Research Centre, University of Toronto
- 2016-20 Digital Research Manager, *City Food* Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, New York University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Intro Gender & Sexuality, Women & Gender Studies Dept., Hunter College-CUNY (B.A.)
- 2023 Planning Sustainable Cities, Urban Studies Dept., Eugene Lang, The New School (B.A.)
- 2022 Intro Gender & Sexuality, Women & Gender Studies Dept., Hunter College-CUNY (B.A.)
- 2022 Food & Society in Global Cities, Urban Studies Dept., Innis, University of Toronto (B.A.)
- 2017 Mixed Methods for Urban Research, Urban Studies Dept., Queens College-CUNY (M.A.)
- 2017 Intro to Urban Planning, Urban Policy & Planning Dept., Hunter College-CUNY (M.U.P.)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014-18 Principal Transportation Planner, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Transit
- 2012-14 Associate Environmental Planner / Architectural Historian, California Department of Transportation (Los Angeles and Ventura Counties)
- 2011-12 Architectural Historian / Environmental Planner, Galvin Preservation Associates (Los Angeles)
- 2010-11 Architecture & Planning Consultant, Design Vidal (Los Angeles)
- 2009-10 Planning Intern, City of Los Angeles Planning Department, Office of Historic Resources

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “Postdocs A-Z,” Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, The New School (Ph.D.)
- 2021 “Negotiating Difference in Suburban Southern California,” Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Center, University of California, Irvine (Public Talk)

- 2021 “From Dissertation to Book,” Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, The New School (Ph.D.)
- 2021 “Banal Nationalism: A Wicked Problem,” Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies, University of Toronto Scarborough (M.A.)
- 2020 “Building Culture & Everyday Urbanism,” Department of Architecture, City College of New York (M.Arch.)
- 2020 “Planning Informality,” Parsons School of Design, The New School (B.A.)
- 2019 “Migration, Mobilities, and Space: A Queens Case Study,” Department of History, Yale University (B.A.)
- 2018 “Eating and Moving along Queens’ Roosevelt Avenue,” Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, New York University (Ph.D.)
- 2016 “Spatial (in)Justice & NYCT,” School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Columbia University (B.Arch. & M.Arch.)
- 2014 “The Demise of Pruitt Igoe,” Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, The New School (M.A.)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 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

SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

- 2022 Resilient Urban Communities & Local Food Systems Beyond COVID 19 hybrid Summit. Culinaria Research Centre, University of Toronto Scarborough.
- 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 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

- 2022 City of Toronto’s Small Food Enterprise Outreach Project. SF3 Symposium. University of Toronto Scarborough, Toronto, Ontario. (Chair/Presenter)
- 2022 Urban Food Security and Sustainability in Times of Crisis and Beyond-Workshop III. University of Manchester Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI) and the University of Toronto’s Culinaria Research Centre. (Presenter)
- 2021 Urban Food Security and Sustainability in Times of Crisis and Beyond-Workshop II. University of Manchester Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI) and the University of Toronto’s Culinaria 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)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- 2022 Ph.D. in Public and Urban Policy Core Courses, Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment-The New School

STUDENT ADVISING

- 2022 Matilda Dipieri. “Public Markets, Private Space: Toronto’s Food Supply Chain.” University of Toronto. (B.A.) Advisor.
- 2021 Natalia Matesanz Ventura. “Affectent Spaces: Grassroots’ Networks, Codes, and Artifacts for Urban Innovation.” Polytechnic University of Madrid. (Ph.D.) Reader.
- 2020 Pedro Cruz Cruz. “The Theater of the People: Queens’ Street Vendor Culture.” CUNY- City College. (M.Arch.) Reader.

PEER-REVIEWER

Verge: Studies in Global Asia
 Local Environment
 City & Community
 Gastronomica
 Urban Governance
 Buildings & Landscapes
 Ethnic and Racial Studies
 Food, Culture & Society

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- 2020 Creative Writing Workshop, Quebec Writers Federation

2010 Historic Preservation Certificate, University of Southern California

TECHNICAL SKILLS

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

MEMBERSHIPS

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

REFERENCES

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