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Curriculum Vitae

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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.           Urban and Public Policy, The New School, 2020  
M.A.            Gender and Sexuality in Global Politics, SOAS, University of London, 2022  
M.U.R.P        Urban and Regional Planning, California Polytechnic State University, 2011  
B.A.            History of Architecture and Environment, (*cum laude*), UC Santa Barbara, 2008

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Academic**

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

**Industry**

- 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, Office of Historic Resources, City of Los Angeles Planning Department

**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

Urban Studies | Gender, Race, Ethnicity, & Diasporic Studies | Social & Political Theory  
Immigrant Geographies | Contested Spaces | Everyday Life/Death  
Food & Society | Politics of Difference | Intersectionality

Nations|Borders|Governance

Ethnography|Visual Research Methods|Community Engaged Research

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed

- Forthcoming “Queens’ Restaurants and Food Carts: Portraits of Nationhood,” *Cultural Geography*.
- 2021 “Little Arabia: A California Ethnoanchor.” *Urban History*. Vol. 47, issue 2: 111-132.
- 2021 **Allison, N.**, Ray, K., and Rohel, J. (eds.) “Mobilizing the Streets: The Role of Food Vendors in Urban Life.” *Food, Culture & Society* vol. 24 issue 1.
- 2021 **Allison, N.**, Ray, K. and Rohel, J. “Introduction” in Mobilizing the Streets: The Role of Food Vendors in Urban Life, *Food, Culture & Society* vol. 24 issue: 2-15.
- 2020 **Allison, N.**, and Rohel, J. “Epilogue: A Round Table on Street Vending,” *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies*, vol. 20 No. 1: 22-27.
- 2017 “Migration & Restaurants: Mapping America’s Most Diverse Thoroughfare.” *Journal of Food Studies* 4, no. 1: online.

### Book Chapters

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

### Book Reviews

- 2022 Fuster, Melissa. Review of “Caribeños at the Table: How Migration, Health, and Race Intersect in New York City.” *Gastronomica*, Vol. 22, issue 4: 102-103.
- 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* Vol. 28, issue 2: 124-126.
- 2021 Rosales, Rocio. Review of “Fruteros: Street Vending, Illegality, and Ethnic Community in Los Angeles.” *Gastronomica*. Vol. 21 Issue 3:102-103.
- 2021 Fincher, Ruth, Kurt Iveson, Helga Leitner, and Valerie Preston. Review of “Everyday Equalities: Making Multicultures in Settler Colonial Cities.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* vol. 45, issue 3: 498-500.
- 2019 Rhys-Taylor, Alex. Review of “Food and Multiculture: A Sensory Ethnography of East London.” *Food and Foodways* vol. 27, issue 4: 356-358.

### Other Publications

- Forthcoming “The Branding Dangers of a New York City Public Plaza.” *PLATFORM*.

- 2021 “Spiders,” in Morra, L. and Ackerman, M. (eds.) *Chronicling the Days: Dispatches from a Pandemic*. 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 “Towards a Southern California Ethnoanchor,” *PLATFORM*.

## IN PREPARATION

### Book Manuscripts

Allison, N., Cano Ciborro, V., and Heathcott, J. *Alimentary Logistics: Planning the Food Wholesale Landscape in New York, Paris, and Mexico City*.

*Migrant Urbanism: How Diversity, Life-Making, and Power Intersect in North American Cities.*”

### Journal Articles & Book Chapters

“Spatializing Intersectionality and Marxism: A Food Hall, Social Equity, and Exploitation.” *Gender, Work & Organization* (in review)

“Labor as Work: Home Care in the Face of a Pandemic.” *Feminist Studies*. (in review)

“Nations, Shadow Borders, and the Production of Gender in the Present.” *Border Crossing*. (in review)

“Sidewalk Toil: Practices of Urban Citizenship.” *Gender, Place & Culture*. (in progress)

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

“Forces Shaping Multigroup Neighborhoods.” *Race, Ethnicity & The City*. (in progress)

“Arab Americans’ Right to the City,” in Crawford, M. and Allen-Kim, E. (eds.) *Twenty First Century Suburbia: Immigration, Landscape, and Belonging*, University of Minnesota Press. (in progress)

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

### Reports

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

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

### Podcasts

forthcoming “Mohamed Attia on NYC’s Street Vendor Project,” Voices from the Food Frontlines.

- 2019 “Migrant Foodways in America” Open Belly Podcast,  
<https://www.openbellypodcast.com/episodes-season-two>
- 2012 “Eating in Boyle Heights,” 89.9 KCRW-Good Food.  
<https://www.kcrw.com/culture/shows/good-food/brainaise-irradiated-food-eating-in-boyle-heights>

### **Films**

- 2021 “Los Angeles Urban Forest Initiative,” Co-created with Amat Ollé, E., and Razi, S. American Institute of Architects Film Competition.
- 2020 “Reimagining Los Angeles’ Public Sphere,” Co-created with Amat Ollé, E. 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/>

### **FUNDING & AWARDS**

- 2021 Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Toronto (\$120,000)
- 2020 The Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, The New School (\$10,000)
- 2019 Society of American City and Regional Planning History Award
- 2018 Student Research Award, The New School (\$12,000)
- 2017 Milano School of Policy, Management, and Env. Research Awards (\$40,000)
- 2011 Graduate Planning Student Association Thesis Award (\$1,500)
- 2010 Dean's Scholar, Cal Poly
- 2006 UCSB National Society of Leadership and Success Honors recipient

### **INVITED TALKS**

- 2022 “Postdocs A-Z,” Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, The New School, New York.
- 2021 “Negotiating Difference in Suburban Southern California,” Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Center, University of California, Irvine.
- 2021 “From Dissertation to Book,” Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment, The New School, New York.
- 2020 “Building Culture & Everyday Urbanism,” Department of Architecture, City College of New York, New York.
- 2019 “Migration, Mobilities, and Space: A Queens Case Study,” Department of History, Yale University.

- 2018 “Eating and Moving along Queens’ Roosevelt Avenue, “Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, New York University.
- 2016 “Spatial (in)Justice & NYCT,” School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, Columbia University.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Panels Organized

- 2023 Making a Market City, with Jayeeta Sharma, Jaclyn Rohel, Siera Vercillo, and Joel Dickau, International Public Market Conference, Toronto, CA, June 8-10.
- 2022 Community Engaged Research: Pandemic and Beyond, with Jayeeta Sharma and Jaclyn Rohel, Association for the Study of Food and Society, Athens, GA, May 18-21.

### Papers

- 2023 Spatializing Exploitations in a Toronto Food Incubator Program, Urban Affairs Association, Nashville, TN, April 26-29.
- 2022 The Ecology of Queens Diversity Plaza. Society For American City and Regional Planning History, New York, NY, October 20-22.
- 2022 Small Food Enterprise Outreach. Urban Food Security and Sustainability in Times of Crisis and Beyond-Workshop III, University of Manchester Sustainable Consumption Institute, Online, April 15.
- 2022 Multigroup Neighborhoods and Bottom-Up Projects of Nationalism, Association for the Study of Food and Society, Athens, GA, May 18-21.
- 2020 Little Arabia: A California Ethnoanchor, Divergence in Architecture, Atlanta, GA, March 5-6.
- 2020 Multiethnic Landscapes: Ordinary Architectures, PhD Student Architecture & Planning Round Table. McGill University, Montreal, QC, February 14.
- 2019 Restaurants, Street Food, and Everyday Urban Practices, Society for American City and Regional Planning History, Arlington, VA, October 31-November 3.
- 2019 Immigrant Foodways: Everyday Urban Practices in Multiethnic Neighborhoods, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Greenville, SC, October 24-27.
- 2019 New York City + Ethnic Multiplicity, Architecture Round Table Presentation. University of California at Berkeley, February 5.
- 2017 Methods for Understanding Difference in Twenty-First Century Cities, International Conference on Food Studies. Rome, Italy, October 26-27.
- 2017 Mapping the Unmapped: Sidewalk Vendors Along New York City’s Roosevelt Avenue, City Food Conference-A Political and Cultural History of Street Food Vending, New York, NY, April 4-6.
- 2017 Negotiating Difference Along America’s Most Diverse Thoroughfare, Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Urban Studies, Urban Planning, and Public Policy, New Brunswick, NJ, March 9.

## **Posters**

2019 Taste and Place: Engaging Difference in Multiethnic Neighborhoods, International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, & Nations. Patras, GR, June 5-7.

## **CAMPUS TALKS**

2021 “Banal Nationalism: A Wicked Problem,” Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies, University of Toronto Scarborough

2020 “Planning Informality,” Parsons School of Design, The New School

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Social Science, Macaulay Honors College-CUNY**

The People of New York (Spring 2023)

### **Urban Studies, The New School**

Planning Sustainable Cities (Spring 2023)

### **Urban Studies, University of Toronto**

Food & Society in Global Cities (Summer 2022, Summer 2023)

### **Gender Studies, Social Inequality & Urban Planning & Policy, Hunter College-CUNY**

Intro to Gender & Sexuality Studies (Fall 2022, Winter 2023)

Intro to Urban Planning & Policy (Winter 2017, Graduate)

### **Urban Planning & Policy (M.A.), Queens College-CUNY**

Urban Research Methods (Fall 2017, Graduate)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2022- Associate, Sustainable Farming and Food Futures Cluster, University of Toronto Scarborough

2021- Associate, Feeding City Lab, Culinaria Research Centre, University of Toronto

2016-22 Digital Director, City Food, Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, New York University

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Scientific & Organizational Committee Member**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Workshops, Colloquia, Forums, & Reviews**

Chair, Sustainable Farming and Food Futures Cluster Winter Symposium. Peri-Urban-Agriculture Research Partners Panel. University of Toronto, Scarborough, 2022.

Chair, SF3 Symposium. City of Toronto’s Small Food Enterprise Outreach Project. University of Toronto Scarborough, 2022.

Char, Urban Food Security and Sustainability in Times of Crisis and Beyond-Workshop II. University of Manchester Sustainable Consumption Institute (SCI), University of Toronto’s Culinaria Research Centre, 2021.

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

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

Chair, City Food Public Event-A Political and Cultural History of Street Food Vending. New York University, Institute of Public Knowledge, 2017.

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

Reviewer, “Land Use, People and Environment, Hunter College, Department of Policy and Planning, 2016.

### **Curriculum Development**

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

### **Student Supervision**

2022 Matilda Dipieri (B.A.). “Public Markets, Private Space: Toronto’s Food Supply Chain.” University of Toronto. Advisor.

2021 Natalia Matesanz Ventura (Ph.D.). “Affect and Space: Grassroots’ Networks, Codes, and Artifacts for Urban Innovation.” Polytechnic University of Madrid. Reader.

2020 Pedro Cruz Cruz (M.Arch.). “The Theater of the People: Queens’ Street Vendor Culture.” CUNY- City College. Reader.

### **Peer-Review**

*Verge: Studies in Global Asia*, 2022; *Local Environment*, 2022; *City & Community*, 2021; *Gastronomica*, 2021; *Urban Governance*, 2021; *Buildings & Landscapes*, 2021; *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 2020; *Food, Culture & Society*, 2018.

## EXTRA TRAINING

2020 Creative Writing Workshop, Quebec Writers Federation  
2010 Historic Preservation Certificate, University of Southern California

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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 “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/>

## RELATED SKILLS

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

## MEMBERSHIPS

2021- Urban Affairs Association  
2019- American Association of Geographers  
2018- Association for the Study of Food and Society  
2018- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning  
2017- Society of American City & Regional Planning History

## REFERENCES

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