

Noah Allison

Professional Experience

Academic

- 2024- Term Assistant Professor, Urban Studies, Barnard College-Columbia University
- 2023-24 Visiting Assistant Professor, Urban Studies, Loyola Marymount University
- 2021-23 Postdoctoral Fellow, Culinaria/Urban Studies, 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, GPA Environmental, Los Angeles
- 2010-11 Architecture & Planning Consultant, Design Vidal, Los Angeles
- 2009-10 Intern, Office of Historic Resources, City of Los Angeles Planning Department

EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. Urban & Public Policy, The New School
- 2022 M.A. Gender & Sexuality in Global Politics, (*dist.*) SOAS, University of London
- 2011 M.U.R.P. Urban & Regional Planning, California Polytechnic State University
- 2008 B.A. History of Architecture & Environment, (*cum laude*), UC Santa Barbara

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Critical Urban Studies | Comparative Urbanism | Social Politics
Power Structures | Spatial Contestations | Everyday Life/Death
Ethnography | Visual Research Methods | Community Engaged Research

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

- Forthcoming “Sidewalk Toil as Performance of Insurgent Citizenship.” *Urban Geography*.
- Forthcoming “Urban Governance, A Food Hall, and a City's Capacity to Care.” *Urban Governance*.

- Forthcoming “Labor as Work: Los Angeles Home Care in the Face of a Pandemic.” *Feminist Review*.
- 2023 “Nations, Shadow Borders, and the Production of Gender in the Present.” *Border Crossing*, vol 13, issue 1: 35-45.
- 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*, vol. 4, issue 1.

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 “Frutereros: 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

- 2023 “The Branding Dangers of a New York City Public Plaza.” *Platform Space*.
- 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 Space*.
- 2020 “Street Food, Spatial Struggles, and Citizenship,” *Medium, Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative*.
- 2019 “Towards a Southern California Ethnoanchor,” *Platform Space*.

IN PREPARATION

Book Manuscripts

Planning Fear in the Migrant Metropolis. (in progress)

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

Journal Articles

“Everyday Urban Fluxes of Multiculture Landscapes.” *Buildings and Landscapes.* (r & r)

“The National Affects of Restaurants.” *Emotions, Space, and Society.* (in review)

“Street Hustler as a Body of Resistance.” *Places.* (in review)

“The Forces and Illusions of Superdiverse Settlements.” *Race, Ethnicity & The City.* (in review)

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

2023 “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

- 2024 Professional Development (Delphi), Loyola Marymount University
- 2023 DEIA Department Curricular Planning, Loyola Marymount University
- 2021 Clusters of Scholarly Prominence, University of Toronto, Collaborator
- 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 Award
- 2016 Metropolitan Transportation Authority Tuition Award
- 2011 Cal Poly Graduate Planning Student Association Thesis Award
- 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. (declined)
- 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

Papers

- 2024 Food Incubators: An Infrastructure of Care, Urban Affairs Association, New York, NY, April 24-27.
- 2023 Care Work as Performance of Insurgent Citizenship, Feminising Urban Struggles, Online International Seminar, November 6-7.

- 2023 Formalizing Insurgent Citizenship in Global Cities, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Chicago, IL, October 19.
- 2023 Intersectionality and Critical Cartography: Strategies to Understand Spatial Disparities, Gender Urban Research Workshop, Cardiff University, Hybrid, June 6-7.
- 2023 Sidewalk Toil as Performance of Insurgent Citizenship, Culinaria Symposium, Toronto, ON, May 23-25.
- 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 21.
- 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 19.
- 2020 Little Arabia: A California Ethnoanchor, Divergence in Architecture, Atlanta, GA, March 5.
- 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 25.
- 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 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 5.
- 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.

Panels Organized

- 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.

Discussant

2023 Layers of Gendered and Racial Geographies on Constructed Landscapes, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Chicago, IL, October 20.

Posters

2019 Taste and Place: Engaging Difference in Multiethnic Neighborhoods, International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, & Nations. Patras, GR, June 6.

CAMPUS TALKS

2023 “Community Engaged-Research,” The Anthropology of Foods, University of Toronto

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

Urban Studies, Barnard College-Columbia University

Neighborhood and Community Development (Fall 2024)

Senior Seminar (Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

Introduction to Urban Planning (Spring 2025)

Nation, City, and Inequality (Spring 2025)

Urban and Environmental Studies, Loyola Marymount University

Senior Project (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Urban World (Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

Urban Planning (Spring 2024)

Urban Studies, University of Toronto

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

Social Science, Macaulay Honors College-CUNY

The People of New York (Spring 2023)

Urban and Environmental Studies, The New School

Planning Sustainable Cities (Spring 2023)

Women and Gender Studies, Urban Planning & Policy, Hunter College-CUNY

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

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

Urban Studies, Queens College-CUNY

Urban Research Methods (Fall 2017, Graduate)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023-24 Associate, Metro Studies & LA History Group, Huntington-USC Institute on California and the West
- 2022-23 Associate, Sustainable Farming & Food Futures, University of Toronto Scarborough
- 2021-23 Associate, Feeding City Lab, 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.

University Committees

2023- Urban and Environmental Studies Department Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility liaison to Bellarmine’s College of Liberal Art’s Dean’s Office.

Curriculum Development

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

Student Supervision

Katherine Mason (B.A.) “Film, Imagination, and Los Angeles’s Transportation Networks.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2024.

Kelvin Banks (B.A.) “Public Participation for Low-Income Housing Designs.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2024.

Richard Selby (B.A.) “Reimagining Rent Control for an Inclusive Housing Market in Santa Monica.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2024.

Mateo Abilla (B.A.) “Public Transportation Use Among LMU Students.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2024.

Irene Son (B.A.). “Electric Cars in the Age of Catastrophic Climate Change.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2023.

Megan Fravert (B.A.). “Transportation Planning for Los Angeles’ 2028 Olympics.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2023.

Constantine Widjojo (B.A.). “Towards an Equitable Affordable Housing in Los Angeles.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2023.

Miles Breen (B.A.). “The Legacies of Racist Los Angeles Housing Policy.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2023.

Noah Tabar (B.A.). “Improving Inglewood’s Transportation Mobility.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2023.

Ryan Bradley (B.A.). “Substance Abuse Impacts on the Urban Landscape.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2023.

Samantha Rincon (B.A.). “Los Angeles’ Planning Department’s Intersectional Practices.” Loyola Marymount University. Advisor, 2023.

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

Pedro Cruz Cruz (M.Arch.). “The Theater of the People: Queens’ Street Vendor Culture.” CUNY- City College. Reader, 2021.

Natalia Matesanz Ventura (Ph.D.). “Affect and Space: Grassroots’ Networks, Codes, and Artifacts for Urban Innovation.” Polytechnic University of Madrid. Reader, 2020.

Peer-Review

Anthropological Forum, 2024; *Geo: Environment and Geography*, 2024; *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*, 2019.

EXTRA TRAINING

2024 Higher Education Teaching Certificate, Harvard University
2020 Creative Writing Workshop, Quebec Writers Federation
2010 Historic Preservation Certificate, University of Southern California

MEDIA COVERAGE

2024 “Know the March 5 Ballot: Measure HLA’s Transportation Proposal,” *The Los Angeles Loyolan*. https://www.laloyolan.com/news/know-the-march-5-ballot-measure-hla-s-transportation-proposal/article_0cf71375-0e40-53b1-b30b-b9bf638eae4.html

2023 “Food Bank Use in Toronto is Soaring. Can a U of T Scarborough Lab Help?” *University of Toronto Magazine*. <https://magazine.utoronto.ca/research-ideas/culture-society/hunger-pains-utsc-feeding-city-lab/>

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

MEMBERSHIPS

2020- Urban Affairs Association
2018- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning
2017- Society of American City & Regional Planning History

REFERENCES

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