

# Curriculum Vitae

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## DEGREES

- 2009 Ph.D. Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.  
Dissertation Title: *The Biocultural Practice and Politics of Local Food Networks: Agricultural Biodiversity and Food Security in Mexico*. Nominated for a Faculty of Graduate Studies Dissertation Award.
- August 1997 Master's in Environmental Studies (MES), York University.  
Major Paper Title: Global Food Systems, Local Responses.
- June 1994 Bachelor of Arts, HonoUrs (International Development Studies), Trent University.  
Dean's Honour Role; Participant in Trent-in-Ecuador year abroad program.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2016-present Consultant, Strategic Initiatives and Programs, Global Alliance for the Future of Food.
- 2011-2016 Food Policy Specialist, Toronto Food Policy Council, Toronto Public Health, City of Toronto.
- 2008-2011 Founding Director, Sustain Ontario.
- 2002-2003 Research and Development Manager, FoodShare Toronto.
- 1999-2002 Urban Agriculture Program Manager, FoodShare Toronto.
- 1999-2001 Founding Partner, Urban Harvest Garden Alternatives.
- 1997-1999 Founding Partner, Annex Organics.
- 1995-1997 Graduate Assistant, The Tomasita Project. Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University.
- 1994-1995 Community Development Coordinator, Peterborough Social Planning Council.

## Consultancies

- 2016-2017 City of London/Evergreen.
- 2014 North Bay and Parry Sound District Health Unit, Canada
- 2012-2013 Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Canada.
- 2009-2011 Agribusiness Centre, Michoacan State Government, Mexico.
- 2008-2009 The Stop Community Food Centre, Canada.
- 2007-2008 Toronto District School Board, Canada.

- 2006-2007 Brick Works Food Strategy, Evergreen, Canada.
- 2003 Neighbourhood Based Community Markets Study.  
Parkdale-Liberty Economic Development Corporation and Flemingdon Park  
Community Market Committee, Canada.
- 2002 Muskoka Community Co-operatives Inc, Canada.
- 2001 Interim Manager, Cuba-Canada Environmental Education Project, Evergreen,  
Cuba/Canada.
- 1995 Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, Canada.

## **SCHOLARLY, PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

### **Executive and Editorial Positions**

- 2014-present Steering Committee, Black Creek Community Farm
- 2014-present Board of Directors, International Urban Food Network (France)
- 2012-2017 Chair, Board of Directors, Everdale Environmental Learning Centre
- 2011-2014 Vice-Chair, Food Secure Canada
- 2011-2014 Steering Committee, Sustain Ontario – Alliance for Healthy Food and Farming
- 2010-2012 Board of Directors, Roden Community Child Care Centre
- 2007-2008 Executive Member, Chester Home and School Committee
- 2006-2007 Board of Directors, Pat Schulz Child Care Centre
- 2006 Local Logistics Coordinator, Canadian Association of Food Studies Annual  
Conference.
- 2005-2006 Founding Executive Committee Member, Canadian Association of Food Studies.
- 2005-2006 Council Member, Graduate Faculty Council, York University.
- 2004-2007 Board of Directors, York University Counter Culture Alternative Café.
- 2001-2003 Advisory Committee, Toronto Environmental Film Festival - Planet In Focus.
- 1999-2002 Council Member, Toronto Food Policy Council.

## **UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE TEACHING**

### **Academic Teaching Experience**

- 2010-present Course Director, Theory and Praxis in Food Security. University of Toronto,  
Equity Studies, New College.
- 2008-present Instructor, CFNY 408: Urban Food Security (on-line course) Ryerson University,  
G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education.
- 2015 Instructor, CFNY 410: Understanding Urban Agriculture (on-line course) Ryerson  
University, G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education.
- 2009 Course Director, Research Practicum in Food Security. University of Toronto,  
Equity Studies, New College.
- 2008 Course Director, Political Economy and Ecology Summer School: Beyond  
Development and Globalization: Autonomous Movements, Indigenous  
Knowledges and Food Sovereignty in Latin America (with Dr. Deborah Barndt  
and Dr. Gustavo Esteva). York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies.
- 2008 Course Director, ENVS 1010: Eating Local: Food and Agriculture in the GTA.  
York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies.

2007 Course Developer, Food, Land, and Culture. York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books authored**

2013 *Corn meets Maize: Food Movements and Markets in Mexico*. Colorado: Roman and Littlefield.

### **Chapters in books**

2015 "Urban Food Policies and Programs: An Overview" (with H. de Zeeuw) in H. de Zeeuw and P. Dreschel (eds). *Cities and Agriculture: Developing Resilient Urban Food Systems*. Routledge.

2013 "A Terroir of Institutions in Toronto" (with J. Friedman). In *Urban Explorations: Environmental Histories of the Toronto Region*. Toronto: Wilson Institute for Canadian History.

2007 "Regional Maize Marketing Initiatives." In E. Antal, L. Baker and G. Verschoor (eds). *Maize and Biosecurity in Mexico*. Cuadernos de CEDLA, 22. Amsterdam: Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation.

1999 "A Different Tomato: Creating Vernacular Foodscapes." In D. Barndt (ed). *Women Working the NAFTA Food Chain: Women Food and Globalization*. Toronto: Second Story Press.

### **Papers in refereed journals**

2008 "Local Food Networks and Maize Agrodiversity Conservation: Two Case Studies from Mexico." *Local Environment*, Special Issue on Local Food Systems and Direct Marketing 13(2):1-16.

2005 "Eating Outside the Box: FoodShare's Good Food Box and the Challenge of Scale." (with J. Johnston) *Agriculture and Human Values* 22(3)1-13.

2004 "Tending Cultural Landscapes and Food Citizenship in Toronto's Community Gardens." *Geographical Review* 94(3)305-325.

### **Major invited contributions and/or technical reports**

2015 "L'expansion de l'agriculture urbaine a Toronto: une collaboration entre la ville et la communaute des habitants." In *POUR: Agriculture/Monde rural* 224: 397-404.

2013 "The Toronto Food Policy Council and the Toronto Food Strategy: Focusing on Food Systems and Health at the City-Region Level" (with Catherine Mah et al). *Changing Food Systems for Better Nutrition, SNC News No 40*. United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition.

2012 "The Toronto Food Policy Council: Twenty Years of Citizen Leadership for a Healthy, Equitable, and Sustainable Food System" (with Catherine Mah). *CIHR's Citizen Engagement in Health Casebook*. Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

2010 "Menu 2020: Ten Good Food Ideas for Ontario" (with P. Campsie, K. Rabinowicz and V. Ward). Toronto: Metcalf Foundation.

### **Conference proceedings**

2006 "Corn Networks: Multi-Scalar Entanglements in Oaxaca, Mexico" Paper prepared for the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies Conference. Calgary, Alberta. 09/21.

### **Other**

2015 *What Food Can Do For Toronto: Food Assets and Opportunities Ward by Ward.* Toronto, Toronto Food Policy Council.

2014 *Unfolding Story of Food in Toronto.* Toronto: Toronto Food Policy Council.

2011 "2020 Vision." *Alternatives Journal* 37(2).

2007 *Brick Works Food Strategy.* Evergreen: Toronto.

2003 "Rich Harvest." (with Jin Huh) *Alternatives Journal* 29(1): 21-25.\*

2003 *Neighbourhood Based Community Markets Feasibility Study.* Toronto: FoodShare. 00-189.

2002 "Growing a Thriving Food and Agriculture Sector." *SE Parry Sound/Muskoka Agriculture Initiative 2002 Report.* SE Parry Sound/Muskoka: Muskoka Community Co-operatives Inc. 85-120.

2002 *Seeds of our City: Case Studies From Eight Diverse Gardens in Toronto.* Toronto: FoodShare. 00-59.

2001 *Growing Sprouts and Seedlings.* Toronto: FoodShare. 00-62.

2000 "Cultural Diversity Brings Biodiversity to Toronto Gardens." *Seeds of Diversity* 13(2): 8-10.

2000 "Warehouse Rooftop Supports Urban Agriculture." *In Business: Creating Sustainable Enterprises and Communities* 22(2): 16-18.

1997 *Healthy Food, Healthy Communities.* Toronto: Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition. 00-65.

### **RESEARCH FUNDING AND AWARDS**

2007-2008 Ontario Graduate Scholarship

2006 International Development Research Centre Travel Award

2006 Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Travel Award

2005-2007 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award

2005-2006 International Development Research Centre Ecosystem Approaches to Human Health Training Award

2002-2005 Graduate Fellowship for Academic Distinction (Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders (SLYFF) Fellow)

2004 Graduate Environmental Studies Research and Travel Fund

2003 York University Graduate Development Fund Award

2003 Graduate Environmental Studies Research and Travel Fund

2002 Faculty of Environmental Studies Entrance Award

1995-1997 Graduate Fellowship for Academic Distinction (Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders (SLYFF) Fellow)

## **LANGUAGES**

English	Fluent
Spanish	Intermediate
French	Beginner

## **CITIZENSHIP**

Canadian