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Curriculum Vitae

University of Mississippi
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PRESENT POSITION

2014- **Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Southern Studies**
Faculty Advisor to the Southern Foodways Alliance
University of Mississippi

EDUCATION

- 2013 **University of Georgia**, Athens, GA
Ph.D., Geography
Dissertation: *Right to (feed) the city: Race, Food sovereignty and food justice activism in post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans*
Major Professor: Dr. Hilda Kurtz
Exam Fields: Urban Geography; Agrofood Studies; Critical Race Scholarship
- 2009 **University of Georgia**, Athens, GA
M.A., Ecological and Environmental Anthropology
Thesis: *The more, the merrier: Social capital amongst farmers across three local foods initiatives*
Major Professor: Dr. Julie Velasquez Runk
- 2004 **Washington and Lee University**, Lexington, Virginia
B.A., Sociology and Anthropology
Magna Cum Laude
Honors Thesis: *Jazz and African American ethnicity, identity, and culture*
Advisor: Dr. David Novack
- 2002 **Davidson College**
Semester in India, Chennai, India

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Food and Foodways; Global/U.S. South; Environmental and Social Justice; Critical Race Studies; Urban Geography; Critical Ethnography; Placemaking; Human-Environment Interactions; Biopolitics

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FUNDING

- 2016 **College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant (\$7,500)**
The University of Mississippi
- 2015 **College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant (\$7,500)**
The University of Mississippi
- 2015 **College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Grant for Campus Internationalization (\$4,000)**
The University of Mississippi
- 2013 **Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship (\$3,000)**
The Graduate School at the University of Georgia

- 2012 **Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$12,000)**
The National Science Foundation, Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 2011 **Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant (\$1000)**
The Graduate School at the University of Georgia

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2013 **Best Student Paper Prize**
Association of American Geographers' Food and Agriculture Specialty Group
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award**
The Department of Geography at the University of Georgia
- Jim Wheeler Travel Award (\$500)**
The Department of Geography at the University of Georgia
- 2012 **Winner of International Paper Competition,**
First World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City
United Cities and Local Governments, St. Denis, France
- 2011 **Dean's Award,** University of Georgia Graduate School (\$1000)
- 2004 **Emory Kimbrough, Jr. Honor's Thesis Prize**
Washington and Lee University Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- Leadership Award,** Washington and Lee University Outing Club

PUBLICATIONS

- Passidomo, Catarina. (2016) "Community gardening and governance over urban nature in New Orleans's Lower Ninth Ward." *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening*, 19: 271-277.
- Harvey, Daina, Yuki Kato, and Catarina **Passidomo** (2015) "Re-building others' communities: A critical analysis of the role of nonprofits in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina." *Local Environment*. Published online 10 July.
- Passidomo, Catarina (2014). "Whose right to (farm) the city: Race and food justice activism in post-Katrina New Orleans." *Agriculture and Human Values*, 31 (3): 385-396.
- Kato, Yuki, Daina Harvey and Catarina **Passidomo** (2014). "Political gardening in a post-disaster city: Lessons from New Orleans." *Urban Studies*, 51 (9): 1833-1849.
- Passidomo, Catarina (2013). "Going 'beyond food': Confronting structures of injustice in food systems research and praxis." *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2013.034.009>
- Kurtz, Hilda, Amy Trauger and Catarina **Passidomo** (2013). "The contested terrain of biological citizenship in the seizure of raw milk in Athens, Georgia." *Geoforum*, 48: 136-144.
- Trauger, Amy and Catarina **Passidomo** (2012). "Towards a post-capitalist politics of food: Cultivating subjects of community economies." *ACME: An International E-Journal for Critical Geographies*, 11 (2): 282-303.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Passidomo, Catarina (2014). "What does it mean to study food justice?" *Gravy Quarterly*, 52: Social Justice.

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

The University of Mississippi

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| Southern Studies 102: A Globalizing South | Spr. 2015, 2016 |
| Southern Studies 555: Southern Foodways | Fall 2014, 2015, 2016 |
| Geography 101: Introduction to Human Geography | Fall 2014-Fall 2016 |
| Anthropology 311: Food, Place and Power | Spr. 2016 |
| Southern Studies 401: The South in Food | Fall 2016 |

Student Advisement

- 2016 *Thesis Committee Chair:*
Irene Van Riper, M.A. Southern Studies, expected graduation May 2016
- Thesis Committee Member:*
Sophie Hay, M.A. Southern Studies, expected graduation May 2016
Stephanie Orsini, M.A. Anthropology, expected graduation May 2016
- 2015 *Thesis Committee Chair:*
Lindsey Reynolds, M.A. Southern Studies, expected graduation May 2015
- Thesis Committee Member:*
Katie King, M.A. Southern Studies, expected graduation May 2015
- Other Advisement and Independent Study:*
Amanda Berrios, MA. Southern Studies, expected graduation May 2016

The University of Georgia

- 2013 Geography 3660: The Geography of Food
- 2010-2013 Geography 1101: Introduction to Human Geography (6 semesters)
- Teaching Assistantships*
- 2010 Introduction to Human Geography, GEOG 1101
Instructor: Dr. Amy Trauger
- 2009 People, Places, and Cultures, GEOG 1101
Instructor: Dr. Amy Ross
- 2009 Multicultural Healthcare, ANTH 3540
Instructor: Jennifer Thompson
- 2008 Introduction to Anthropology, ANTH 1102
Instructor: Dr. Susan Tanner
- 2007-2008 Anthropology Eating, ANTH 3541
Instructor: Dr. Julie Velasquez Runk

The Institute for Reading Development

- 2009 Atlanta Region

Outward Bound Schools

- 2006 Outward Bound Wilderness
Moab, Utah
- 2005 Costa Rica Rainforest Outward Bound School
San Jose, Costa Rica

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- 2015 “Peruvian Food Systems: Balancing Growth and Preservation.” The University of Mississippi Division of Global Engagement Faculty Global Development Seminar Series. Oxford, MS. November 5.
- “The Cost of Food” Panel discussion. The University of Mississippi Office of Sustainability. Oxford, MS. October 20.
- “Southern Studies Fantasy Camp.” Lecture as part of the Southern Foodways Symposium. Oxford, MS. October 15.
- Presentation on community organizing and structural racism in the food system given to interns of the Mississippi Sustainable Agriculture Network
- 2014 Brown-bag presentation, “Access and Activism: Food movements and the struggle for social justice in New Orleans.” Center for the Study of Southern Culture. Oxford, MS. October 22.
- Moderator, Food Day panel on “The State of Food at UM.” Oxford, MS. October 16.
- 2012 First World Summit of Local Governments for the Right to the City.
“Right to (feed) the Neighborhood: The scalar politics of the right to food in the Lower Ninth Ward neighborhood of New Orleans.” St. Denis, France. December 11.
- 2011 Guest lecture in Medical Anthropology, the University of Georgia.
“Food and health: Nutritionism and food deserts in the United States.” Athens, GA. March 31.
- 2011 Southeast Youth Food Activist Summit, “Growing food movements: Seeking sustainability, sovereignty, and justice through alternative food practice.” Athens, GA. February 12.
- 2010 Taste Your Place Event: “Urban agriculture in Havana, Cuba.” Athens, GA. July 19.
- Sustainable Food Systems Symposium, “Local Food as Social Capital.” Athens, GA. March 24.
- 2009 Guest lecture for Geography 1101, the University of Georgia
“Feast and Famine.” Athens, GA. October 15.
- 2008 Guest lecture, Anthropology of Food and Eating, the University of Georgia
“Local food, slow food, and community supported agriculture.” Athens, GA. Nov 20.

PAPERS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 2015 Panelist in UM Law Sustainability Conference, Oxford, MS. April 2.
- 2014 Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers’ Annual Meeting
Panel Presentation: “Security, access, justice, sovereignty: Shifting discourses on the right to food in New Orleans.” Athens, GA, November 25.
- Southern Foodways Alliance and William Winter Institute Graduate Student Conference:
“Who is welcome at the Welcome Table?”
Panelist: Careers in the field of foodways
Oxford, MS, September 27.
- 2013 Association of American Geographers’ Annual Meeting
Paper presentation: “Whose right to (farm) the city?: Race and food justice activism in post-Katrina New Orleans.”
Panelist: “Gaining Ground? Geographies of Viable, Equitable Agricultures.”
Los Angeles, CA, April 11.
- Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting
Paper presentation: “Whose right to (farm) the city?: Race and food justice activism in post Katrina New Orleans.
San Francisco, CA, April 5.

- 2011 Association of American Geographers' Annual Meeting,
"Urban political ecology and the framing of food sovereignty discourses."
Seattle, WA, April 15.
- 2010 Asociaciòn Cubana de Tècnicos Agrìcolas y Forestales,
Eighth Annual Meeting on Organic and Sustainable Agriculture,
"Agroecology and social capital in three local food initiatives,"
Havana, Cuba, May 19.
- Association of American Geographers' Annual Meeting,
"Farming for the people: Social capital across three local food initiatives,"
Washington, DC, April 16.
- 2009 Joint Annual Meeting of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and
The Association for the Study of Food and Society,
"Farming for the People: Social Capital Amongst Farmers,"
State College, PA, May 29.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2013 Engaging the Public Workshop
University of Georgia Graduate School
- 2012 Undoing Racism in the Food System Workshop
The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond
New Orleans, LA

ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 2016 **Search Committee Member**, Assistant Professor of Southern Studies and Anthropology or
Sociology, The University of Mississippi
- 2015 **Conference Organizer**, The Southern Foodways Alliance Graduate Student Conference on
Foodways and Popular Culture, September 2015, Oxford, MS.
- Faculty Advisor**, The Real Food Rebels at the University of Mississippi
- Faculty Advisor**, The Southern Foodways Alliance
- Peer Review**
*Journal of Rural Studies; Agriculture and Human Values; Journal of Agriculture, Food
Systems and Community Development; Society and Space*
- 2012 **Community Research Partner**, Lower Ninth Ward Food Access Coalition
New Orleans, Louisiana
- Volunteer**, Hollygrove Market and Farm, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2012-
2013 **Organizer**, Interdisciplinary Writing Group
University of Georgia
- 2010-
2011 **Coordinator**, First Friday Workshop on Space, Nature, and Society
University of Georgia Department of Geography
- Outreach Coordinator**, Geography Graduate Student Association
University of Georgia Department of Geography
- Judge**, UGA Geography Undergraduate Research Conference
University of Georgia Department of Geography
- 2008-
2010 **President**, PLACE (Promoting Local Agriculture and Cultural Experiences)
Athens, GA
- 2007-8 **Outreach Coordinator**, PLACE

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Geographers

(Specialty Group Memberships: Food and Agriculture; Urban Geography)

Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers

Urban Affairs Association

American Anthropological Association

Critical Race Studies Group of the University of Mississippi

The Southern Foodways Alliance