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EDUCATION

- 2020 – Present **PhD, Geography**
University of Kentucky (UK)
- 2019 **Master of Arts, Global Environmental Policy**
Concentration in Food and Agriculture
American University (AU), School of International Service (SIS)
GPA: 3.88
- 2018 **Bachelor of Arts, International Studies**
American University (AU), School of International Service (SIS)
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa GPA: 3.91
- 2015 **Associates in Occupational Studies, Baking and Pastry Arts**
The Culinary Institute of America, NY

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Food and Farm Justice
- Sustainable Agriculture Education
- Land and Food Sovereignty
- Nutrition Education
- Food Policy
- Political Ecology
- Histories of Race/Racism
- Postcolonial and Decolonial Theory
- Land use in the US
- Community-Partnered Research

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2019 President's Award | American University (\$1,000)
- Highest honor given to a graduating student university-wide.
- Presented to one new graduate who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, integrity, selflessness, leadership, and service to the Washington, D.C. community.
- 2019 Marshall Scholar National Finalist
- 2019 Academic Achievement Award for Excellence in Research | American University
- 2018 Rhodes Scholar National Finalist
- 2018 Marshall Scholarship Nominee | American University
- 2018 Summer Scholars and Artists Research Grant | American University (\$4,000)
- American University's most competitive research award, only 9 such awards given out university-wide. Awarded SIS's only slot through a competitive, faculty-led process.
- 2015 Katherine Angell Award for Academic Excellence | The Culinary Institute of America
- 2015 Management Award for Superior Organization | The Culinary Institute of America

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Organized Sessions

- 2021 **“Building a Better Farm to Table Movement: Conversations with the front line from stove tops to high tunnels.”** Just Food: because it is never just food - conference hosted in partnership by the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS), The Culinary Institute of American, and New York University. Virtual Roundtable, June 9-15th.
- 2021 Reading Group Co-Organizer, **“Political Ecologies of Food.”** Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, KY, February 18-20th.
- 2020 **“It’s not just about getting your hands in the dirt: Decolonizing food education.”** Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, Lexington, Kentucky, Panel Session co-organizer, February 28-29th.

Papers Presented

- 2021 **“It’s not just about getting your hands in the dirt: School gardens as ingredients of (de)colonization.”** Just Food: because it is never just food - conference hosted in partnership by the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS), The Culinary Institute of American, and New York University. Virtual Paper Session, June 9-15th.
- 2020 **“It’s not just about getting your hands in the dirt: School gardens as ingredients of (de)colonization.”** Joint Conference of Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society the Association for the Study of Food and Society *Cancelled due to COVID-19
- 2019 **“The Internal Colonialism of Appalachian Absentee Land-Holdings: A Critical Analysis of the Appalachian Regional Commission.”** American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, Washington DC, April 3-7th.

Sessions Moderated

- 2021 Paper Session: “Food Production and Access Over Time,” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference 11, Lexington, KY, February 18-20th.
- 2021 Paper Session: “Agroecology on the Margins of Capital and Empire,” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference 11, Lexington, KY, February 18-20th.

Campus Talks

- 2020 **“It’s not just about getting your hands in the dirt: School gardens as ingredients of (de)colonization.”** American University Global Environmental Policy Program, Washington DC
- 2019 **“How the Internal Colonialism of Central Appalachia Influences Food Security and One’s Relationship to Food.”** American University Research Symposium, Washington DC
- 2018 **“The Question of Food Security in Central Appalachia: An Analysis in Dickenson County, Virginia.”** AU Summer Scholars Presentation of Research, Washington DC

2018 **“The Question of Food Security in Central Appalachia: An Analysis in Dickenson County, Virginia.”** American University Research Luncheon, Washington DC

Associated Scholar-Policy-Community Events

2019 “Farm and Food Justice Book Panel” – Busboys & Poets, Washington DC

2019 “Radical Food Geographies Workshop” – pre-AAG daylong workshop, Washington DC

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

Research Assistant, The Food Connection, University of Kentucky – *Lexington KY, 2021-2022*

Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky – *Lexington, KY, 2020-2021*

- Global Climate Change | Fall 2020
- Earth’s Physical Environment | Fall 2020
- Intro to Global Environmental Issues | Spring 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Projects

2021 “Local and Regional Food Systems Response to COVID-19” | Research Assistant, The Food Connection, University of Kentucky. Project led in collaboration by USDA-AMS, University of Kentucky, and Colorado State University. Funded by USDA-AMS

2019 “It’s not just about getting your hands in the dirt: School gardens as ingredients of (de)colonization” | Master’s Thesis, American University. Advisor: Dr. Garrett Graddy-Lovelace

2019 “Covert Discrimination: Heirs Property and the Fight for Land in the South” as part of the graduate Capstone Practicum entitled *Rural Community Diversity & Dignity: US Agricultural Policy, Transnational Connections*. | Led by Dr. Garrett Graddy-Lovelace, American University

2018 “**The Food Experiences of the Blind in Two Contrasting D.C. Wards: Assessing Washington D.C.’s Food Security & Proposing Recommendations to Increase Access and Accessibility**”, American University

2018 “**The Questions of Food Security in Central Appalachia: An Analysis in Dickenson County, Virginia.**” Funded through the American University Summer Scholars and Artists Grant (\$4,000) and supervised by Dr. Anthony Fontes.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2021-2022 Political Ecology Working Group | University of Kentucky
President

2021-2022 Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Conference | University of Kentucky
Conference Co-Chair

2020-Present Dimensions of Political Ecology Annual Conference | University of Kentucky
Organizer, Political Ecologies of Food Monthly Reading Group

Organizer, Scholar-Activist Panel

2020-Present Department of Geography | University of Kentucky
Secretary, Geography Graduate Student Union (GGSU)
Colloquium Committee Member

2020-Present Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Cooperative Extension Leadership Certificate | University of
Kentucky
Planning Committee Member
Organized Session on Racism and the USDA | Invited Dr. Garrett Graddy-Lovelace,
Ashley Smith, Dr. Marcus Bernard, Jed DeBruin

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Coordinator, Institute for Carbon Removal Law and Policy, American University – Washington DC, August 2019- July 2020

Food Growing Education Fellow: Capital Area Food Bank- Washington DC, February 2019-May 2019

Graduate Student Organizer: Radical Food Geographies Workshop - Washington, DC, Jan. 2019-April 2019

Intern: No Kid Hungry- Washington, DC, September 2018-December 2018

Pastry Sous Chef: Blue Hill at Stone Barns- Tarrytown, New York, December 2013-December 2015

Menu Researcher: The Culinary Institute of America, Archives and Special Collections- Hyde Park, New York, November 2013-July 2015

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

American Association of Geographers
Association for the Study of Food and Society
Agriculture and Human Values