

Curriculum Vitae

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PhD Candidate, Sociocultural Anthropology with a Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies

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EDUCATION

- 2017– PhD, University of Toronto
 Sociocultural Anthropology
 Collaborative Specialization in Food Studies, Culinaria Research Centre
 “Food Tempos: Making Food, Time, and Value in Northern Italy”
 Core Committee: Shiho Satsuka (advisor), Lena Mortensen, Katie Kilroy-Marac,
 Daniel Bender (external)
- 2015–17 MA, York University
 Social Anthropology
 Major Research Paper: “Scenes of Intimacy: Finding Home Abroad in Italian
 Agrotourism.” Advisors: J. Teresa Holmes and W. Kenneth Little
- 2011–15 BA with Honours, *Summa Cum Laude*, York University
 Sociocultural Anthropology

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- In Review “The Culinary Intermediaries: Italian Canadians, Taste Making, and Ethnic Food
 Retailing in Toronto, Canada.” *Food, Culture & Society*.
- In Review “Picture Perfect? Tensions of Friendship and Tables of Knowledge Production in
 Italy.” *Food and Foodways*. Special Issue.
- 2023 “Photo Essay: Setting the Table for Friendship.” *Gastronomica: The*

Journal for Food Studies 23 (1): 77–82. <https://doi.org/10.1525/gfc.2023.23.1.77>

Book Chapters

- 2021 “E is for Erotic.” In *Musings: The ABCs of FFF*, edited by Maya Hey.
FFF: food, fermentation, feminism. www.bitly.com/fff-musings-2021-spreads

Web Publications

- 2022 “In the Weeds: Teaching Weedy Anthropology and an Interview with Caroline E. Schuster.” Supplementals, *Fieldsights*, Society for Cultural Anthropology.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/in-the-weeds>
- 2021 “Caring for Agricultural Landscapes: An Interview with Emily Reisman.” Supplementals, *Fieldsights*, Society for Cultural Anthropology.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/caring-for-agricultural-landscapes-an-interview-with-emily-reisman>
- 2021 “Virtual Connections, Digital Contentions: Small Academic Meetings During the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Co-Editors: Meredith Evans, and Danny Cardoza. Member Voices, *Fieldsights*, Society for Cultural Anthropology, August 12.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/series/virtual-connections-digital-contentions-small-academic-meetings-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- 2021 “Introduction: Small Scale Academic Meetings in the Virtual and the Covid-19 Pandemic.” Co-Authors: Meredith Evans and Danny Cardoza. Member Voices, *Fieldsights*. Society for Cultural Anthropology, August 12.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/introduction-small-academic-meetings-in-the-virtual-and-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- 2021 “The Writing Group: In a Room Alone, Working Together.” Co-Authors: Meredith Evans, Andrés Romero, Juliana Friend, and Melissa Lefkowitz. Member Voices, *Fieldsights*. Society for Cultural Anthropology, August 12.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/the-writing-group-in-a-room-alone-working-together>
- 2019 “Drawing Care with Jean Hunleth.” Co-Author: Meredith Evans. Supplementals, *Fieldsights*, Society for Cultural Anthropology. August 22.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/drawing-care-with-jean-hunleth>

Book Reviews

- In Press “*Slow Food: The Economy and Politics of a Global Movement*, by Valeria Siniscalchi.”
Food and Foodways.

- 2022 “*Feral Atlas*, edited by Anna L. Tsing, Jennifer Deger, Alder Keleman Saxena, and Feifei Zhou.” *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies* 22 (2): 104–6.
<https://doi.org/10.1525/gfc.2022.22.2.104>

Completed Manuscripts

- n.d. “A Guide to Entangled Life: Mushroom Foraging in the Forests of Anthropological Literature.” Co-Author: Shiho Satsuka. For submission to *Anthropological Theory*.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 The Centre for Ethnography Fellowship in Ethnographic Writing
 2023 University of Toronto School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant
 2021–23 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)
 2021 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Award
 2021 Teaching Assistant of the Year Award (Department of Anthropology)
 2020–21 Culinaria Research Centre Graduate Student Fellowship
 2018–21 Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Doctoral Scholarship (SSHRC)
 2018 University of Toronto Anthropology Pilot Research Award
 2018 Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Outstanding Graduating Anthropology Student Awards 2018 – Master’s Award
 2017–18 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) (*Declined*)
 2017 University of Toronto Doctoral Entrance Scholarship
 2017–21 University of Toronto Graduate Student Fellowship
 2016–17 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (SSHRC) – Master’s
 2015 York University Master’s Entrance Scholarship
 2015 York University Master’s Graduate Fellowship
 2015 York University Nicol, Vince, and Wensley Prize in Anthropology
 2013 York University Liberal Arts & Professional Studies Study Abroad Award
 2013 York University International Mobility Award
 2015 Dean’s Honour Roll
 2012–15 York University Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Sessional Academic Achievement List

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

- 2024 “Palestinian Perspectives on Rights to Food, Justice, and Cultural Sustainability.” Co-organizer: Salma Serry. AFHVS/ASFS Conference, Syracuse, June 5–8.
- 2023 “Elements in Agriculture (Part I): Chemical Symbols.” Co-organizer: Alyssa A. James. Joint American Anthropological Association (AAA)/Canadian Anthropology Association (CASCA) Conference, Toronto, November 15–19.
- 2023 “Elements in Agriculture (Part II): Material Metaphors.” Co-organizer: Alyssa A. James. Joint American Anthropological Association (AAA)/Canadian Anthropology Association (CASCA) Conference, Toronto, November 15–19.
- 2023 “Food and Friendship: Politics, Approaches, and New Horizons.” ASFS/AFHVS Annual Conference, Boston, May 31–June 3.
- 2021 “Empty Futures and Absent Presents: The Temporalities of Climate Change.” Co-organizer: Scott Schnur. American Anthropological Association (AAA) Conference, Baltimore, November 17–21.

Papers Presented

- 2024 “Post-Gastronomic Tacos”: Neo-Artisans, Piedmontese Tortillas, and Knowledge Economies in Italy. Umbra Institute Food & Sustainability Conference, Perugia, June 13–16.
- 2024 “Introducing Anthropology to Undergraduates: Sharing tips, approaches, successes, shortcomings, and more.” Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Conference, Kelowna, May 15–18.
- 2023 “From Gastronome to *Artigiano*: Creating Artisanal Selves and Values in Northern Italy.” American Anthropological Association (AAA) Conference, Toronto, November 15–19.
- 2023 “Picture Perfect? Tensions and Tables of Friendship as Knowledge Production in Northern Italy.” Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS)/Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society (AFHVS) Conference, Boston, May 31–June 3.
- 2023 “‘To Be Sustainable, You Have to Think Like an *Artigiano*’: Making Focaccia and Tortillas Valuable between Bologna and Bra, Italy.” American Ethnological Society (AES) Conference, Princeton, March 23–25.

- 2022 “The Year of the Mushroom: Fungal Ambiguity in the Study of Science and Society.” 4S and ESOCITE Joint Meeting, Cholula, Mexico, December 7–10.
- 2022 “‘A Waste of Time’: Slow Food Members Tackling Food Waste with Good Intentions.” American Anthropological Association (AAA), Seattle, November 9–13.
- 2022 “Mobile Masculinities: Gendering Ecologies, Traditions, and Techniques of Fermentation.” Perugia Food and Sustainability Studies Conference, June 9–11.
- 2021 “Circularity Against Climate Change: Trying Out Alternative Food Systems with Students and Educators in Northern Italy.” American Anthropological Association (AAA), Baltimore, November 17–21.
- 2021 “Cross-Contaminations: Fermenting Food and Relations in Northern Italy.” 4S Annual Meeting, October 6–9, Toronto, Canada.
- 2019 “Mushrooms and Humans: Overview of Matsutake and Other Edible Mushrooms in Anthropology and Documentary Films.” Co-presented with Shiho Satsuka and Johanna Pokorny. International Workshop on Edible Mycorrhizal Mushrooms, October 21–25. Suwa City, Japan.
- 2019 “The Two Manifestos: Cooking Food Futures between 1930 and 1989, Italy.” Medusa Graduate Conference, University of Toronto, March 28–29, Toronto, Canada.
- 2018 “Sampling Intimacy: Tourist Encounters at the Farmers’ Market.” Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) Annual Meeting, May 13–20, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.
- 2016 “The Anne Frank House: Ethnographic Reflections on Heritage, Memory, and Liberalism in The Netherlands.” New Frontiers: Graduate History Conference, York University, February 18–20, Toronto, Canada.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2023 “Eating the Amino-cene: Heating Up the Building Blocks of Food and Life in Northern Italy.” The Centre for Ethnography, University of Toronto Scarborough. November 22.

- 2023 “From *Italianità* to *Cucina italiana*: Exploring Diasporic Food Retailing in Toronto.” Culinaria Food Symposium, Toronto, May 23–25.
- 2018 “Slow Food and Agricultural Temporality: Making Time Comparable between Italy and Canada.” (Re)thinking Diversity and Comparison. RESPECT Graduate Workshop, University of Toronto and Osaka University, May 4, Toronto, Canada.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- 2020 “Decolonial Approaches to Speculative Genres, with Dorinne Kondo and Priya Chandrasekaran.” Co-organizer: Asli Kemiksiz. Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA) Faculty-Student Mentor Workshop, December 3.
- 2020 “Anthropology and Its Publics, with Brian Goldstone and Jason Pine.” Co-organizer: Andrés Romero. Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA) Faculty-Student Mentor Workshop, December 15.

TEACHING POSITIONS

Course Instructor

- 2022 Introduction to Anthropology: Making Sense of a Changing World. York University

Guest Lecturer

- 2024 Environment and Globalization, Univ. of Toronto
- 2022 The Craft of Social/Cultural Ethnography, Univ. of Toronto
- 2021 Are You What You Eat? The Anthropology of Food, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough
- 2020 Sex, Love, and Intimacy: The Anthropology of Kinship, Univ. of Toronto
- 2020 Are You What You Eat? The Anthropology of Food, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough

Teaching Assistant

- 2024 Introduction to Anthropology: Society, Culture and Language, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough
- 2024 Tourism and Globalization, Univ. of Toronto
- 2024 Environment and Globalization, Univ. of Toronto
- 2023 Introduction to Anthropology: Society, Culture and Language, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough

- 2022 Are You What You Eat? The Anthropology of Food, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough
 2021 The Culture Machine: The Anthropology of Everyday Life, Univ. of Toronto
 Mississauga
 2021 Are You What You Eat? The Anthropology of Food, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough
 2021 The Anthropology of Food, Univ. of Toronto
 2020 Sex, Love, and Intimacy: The Anthropology of Kinship, Univ. of Toronto
 2020 Are You What You Eat? The Anthropology of Food, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough
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 2018 Political Anthropology, Univ. of Toronto
 2018 Are You What You Eat? The Anthropology of Food, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough
 2018 Tourism and Globalization, Univ. of Toronto
 2018 Introduction to Anthropology: Society, Culture and Language, Univ. of Toronto
 Scarborough
 2017 Are You What You Eat? The Anthropology of Food, Univ. of Toronto Scarborough
 2016 Acquiring Research Skills, York University and the International Center for Hellenic
 & Mediterranean Studies/CYA in Athens, Greece

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2023 Research Assistant, University of Toronto, “Resilience Enhancement and
 Advancement Project (REAP) for Climate Change.” PI: Dr. Keiko Yoshioka
 2022 Archival and Ethnographic Researcher, Culinarina Research Centre, University of
 Toronto, “From *Italianità* to *Cucina italiana*: Exploring Diasporic Foodways in
 Toronto, Canada.” Supervisor: Dr. Jayeeta Sharma
 2019–22 Dissertation Fieldwork, University of Toronto, “Food Tempos: Making Food, Time,
 and Value in Northern Italy”
 2019–21 Research Assistant, University of Toronto, “A Guide to Entangled Life.” PI: Dr.
 Shiho Satsuka
 2018 Pilot Doctoral Fieldwork, University of Toronto
 2016 Master’s Fieldwork, York University
 2016 Research Assistant, York University. PI: Dr. Othon Alexandrakis
 2015–16 Graduate Assistant, York University, the Ismaili Centre, and the Aga Khan Network.
 Supervisor: Dr. Zulfikar Hirji

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2022– Reviews Editor, *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies*
- 2022–24 Section Editor, Society for Cultural Anthropology, *Fieldsights*
- 2021–22 Assistant Reviews Editor, *Gastronomica: The Journal for Food Studies*
- 2021–22 Co-Organizer (with Kelsey Kilgore), Culinaria Research Centre Speaker Series
- 2021–23 Anthropology Steward, Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE 3902), Unit 1, University of Toronto.
- 2018–21 Contributing Editor, Society for Cultural Anthropology
- 2017–19 Graduate Student Representative, Colloquium Series Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
- 2018 Member of Organizing Team and Co-Host, Toronto Node, SCA/SVA Displacements Conference, University of Toronto
- 2014–17 Editor, *Contingent Horizons: The York University Student Journal of Anthropology*
- 2014 Organizer, *Wretches & Jabberers* Film Screening and Panel with Director Gerardine Wurzburg, feat. Tracy Thresher and Larry Bissonnette, York University

LANGUAGES

- English Native speaker
- Italian Excellent
- French Beginner

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- American Ethnological Society (AES)
- Anthropology & Environment Society (A&E)
- Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS)
- Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)
- Culture & Agriculture Society (C&A)
- European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
- Society for the Anthropology of Europe (SAE)
- Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN)
- Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)
- Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)