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Curriculum Vitae

University of Mississippi
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
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EMPLOYMENT

- 2020- Southern Foodways Alliance Associate Professor of Southern Studies and Anthropology
Graduate Program Director, Center for the Study of Southern Culture
The University of Mississippi
- 2014-2020: Southern Foodways Alliance Assistant Professor of Southern Studies and Anthropology
The 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

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

- 2021 **Center for the Study of Southern Culture Summer Research Grant for Faculty** (\$7,500)
The University of Mississippi
- 2019 **Fulbright U.S. Scholar Teaching and Research Grant to Perú** (\$13,500)
“*Gastrodiplomacy in Peru: Cuisine as Nation-Brand in Postcolonial Context*”
- 2018 **College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant for Faculty** (\$7,500)
The University of Mississippi

- 2016 **College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant for Faculty** (\$7,500)
The University of Mississippi
- 2015 **College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Grant for Faculty** (\$7,500)
The University of Mississippi
- 2015 **College of Liberal Arts Faculty Development Grant for Campus Internationalization: CIEE Seminar in Perú** (\$4,000)
The University of Mississippi
- 2013 **Summer Doctoral Research Fellowship** (\$3,000)
The Graduate School at the University of Georgia
- 2012 **NSF 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

- 2021 **FACT Institute for Critical Thinking Course Redesign** (\$4,000)
The University of Mississippi Office for Research and Sponsored Programs
- 2020 **Cora Lee Graham Award for Outstanding Teaching of Freshmen**
The University of Mississippi College of Liberal Arts
- 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

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Passidomo, Catarina (forthcoming, 2022). "The Social Geography of Food" in Winders, J. and I. Ashutosh, Eds. *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Cultural and Social Geography*. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

Firth, Jeanne and Catarina **Passidomo** (2021). "New Orleans' 'Restaurant Renaissance,' Chef Humanitarians, and the New Southern Food Movement." *Food, Culture and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15528014.2021.1884417>

Passidomo, Catarina and Sara Wood (2020). "Here, we are all equal: Narratives of food and immigration from the *nuevo* American South" in Agyeman, J. and S. Giacalone, Eds. *The Immigrant-Food Nexus: Borders, Labor, and Identity in North America*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Passidomo, Catarina and Jeffrey Miller (2019). "Geographies of Food." In Warf, Barney, Ed. *Oxford Bibliographies in Geography*. New York: Oxford, University Press.

Passidomo, Catarina (2019). "Southern Foodways in the classroom and beyond." *Southern Quarterly*, 56 (1): 12-28.

Passidomo, Catarina (2017). “Our’ Culinary Heritage: Obscuring Inequality by Celebrating Diversity in Peru and the U.S. South.” *Humanity and Society*, 41 (4): 427-445.

Passidomo, Catarina and Irene Van Riper (2017). “Autonomy, Coalition-Building, and Cultural Survival: Towards Food Sovereignty in the U.S. South.” In Desmarais, Annette, Amy Trauger and Priscilla Claeys (Eds.) *Public Policies for Food Sovereignty: Social Movements and the State*. London: Routledge.

Passidomo, Catarina (2016). “Community gardening and governance over urban nature in New Orleans’s Lower Ninth Ward.” *Urban Forestry and Urban Greening*, 19: 271-287.

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. *Awarded Best Student Paper Prize by the American Association of Geographers Food and Agriculture Specialty Group*

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](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 (2019) Review of *The Cooking Gene*. *Southeastern Geographer*, 59 (1): 97-102.

Passidomo, Catarina (2018) “Continuing Creolization in New Orleans Foodways.” American Association of Geographers Newsletter, March 1. <http://news.aag.org/2018/03/continuing-creolization-in-new-orleans-foodways/>

Passidomo, Catarina (2018) “Report from the field.” Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group Newsletter, March.

Passidomo, Catarina (2017) Review of *Real Pigs: Shifting Values in the Field of Local Pork*. *Agricultural History*, 91 (3): 448-450.

Passidomo, Catarina (2014) Review of *Edible South*. *Southern Register*, Fall.

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 101: Introduction to Southern Studies | (5 semesters) |
| Southern Studies 105: An Introduction to the South and Food | (1 semester) |
| Southern Studies 401/2: The South in Food | (2 semesters) |
| Southern Studies 555: Southern Foodways | (6 semesters) |
| Geog. 101/Anth. 104: Introduction to Human Geography | (10 semesters) |
| Anthropology 338: Food, Place and Power (cross-listed with Environmental Studies) | (3 semesters) |

Graduate and Honors Undergraduate Student Advisement

2021 *Thesis Committee Chair:*

Christian Owen, M.A. Southern Studies, *Just Southern Food: An Interpretation of Food Justice for the Mississippi Delta.*

Thesis Committee Member:

Keon Burns, M.A. Southern Studies, *Black Grocers, Black Activism, and the Spaces in Between.*

Christian Leus, M.A. Southern Studies, *What Remains: Telling the Story of Irene Taylor's Murder.*

Dandridge Parks, B.A. with Honors, Marketing, *Marketing to Food Insecure College Students: An Investigation into the University of Mississippi's Food Pantry.*

Kelly Spivey, MFA Documentary Expression, *The Bake Sale: Fundraising and Social Justice in the 21st Century.*

2020 *Thesis Committee Chair:*

Carlynn Crosby, M.A. Southern Studies, *Potato Capital: Agriculture, Labor, and the (Un)Making of Hastings.*

Brenna Gardner, B.A. with Honors, Anthropology and Environmental Studies, *American Indian Sovereignty and Climate Change.*

Sophie Kline, B.A. with Honors, Public Policy Leadership and Environmental Studies, *Pecking the Hands that Feed Them: How Society and Government Have Allowed the Poultry Industry to Exploit Labor and the Environment in the American South.*

Kelly Spivey, M.A. Southern Studies, *Raised in Their Mothers' Kitchens: The Southern Evolution of Domestic Science.*

Olivia Terenzio, M.A. Southern Studies, *Feijoada and Hoppin' John: Foodways, Collective Identity, and Belonging in Brazil and the American South.*

Thesis Committee Member:

Cady Cooper, B.A. with Honors, Public Policy Leadership, *Food Insecurity in Mississippi: Examining the Relationship between Food Insecurity and Race.*

Joshua Nguyen, MFA in Poetry, *Come Clean.*

Hilary Word, M.A. Southern Studies, *Post-Soul Speculation: An Exploration of Afro-Southern Speculative Fiction.*

2018 *Thesis Committee Chair:*

Kevin Mitchell, M.A. Southern Studies, *From Black hands to White mouths: Great 'Big House' cooks of Charleston*

Rebecca Lauck Cleary, M.A. Southern Studies, documentary film: *Swamp Pop*

Thesis Committee Member:

Victoria DeLeone, M.A. Southern Studies, documentary film: *Small Batch*

- 2017 *Thesis Committee Chair:*
Grace Myers, M.A. Anthropology, *Into Ireland: An analysis of cultural hybridity, immigration, food, and place in the Silicon Docks market in Dublin, Ireland*
Abby Huggins, M.A. Southern Studies, oral history project, *Before me, after me, through me: Stories of food and community in Eastern Kentucky*
Josh Green, M.A. Southern Studies, internship thesis, *Farming for good: An analysis of the opportunities, challenges, and limits of using an agricultural conservation easement to improve land access for African American farmers in Mississippi*
- 2016 *Thesis Committee Chair:*
Kate Wiggins, M.A. Southern Studies, internship thesis: *A new hospitality: Social responsibility in a Southern business*
Irene Van Riper, M.A. Southern Studies, *If there wasn't farming, somebody wouldn't eat: Small-scale agriculture, community autonomy, and food sovereignty in Mississippi*
- Thesis Committee Member:*
Sophie Hay, M.A. Southern Studies, internship thesis: *United Way of Oxford and Lafayette County*
Stephanie Orsini, M.A. Anthropology, *From turkeys to talmals: Paleoindian to Preclassic period funeral use at Maya Hak Cab Pek rock shelter in Southern Belize*
- 2015 *Thesis Committee Chair:*
Lindsey Reynolds, M.A. Southern Studies, internship thesis: *Garden and Gun*
- Thesis Committee Member:*
Katie King, M.A. Southern Studies, documentary film: *Sweet Auburn Curb Market*

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

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- 2021 Invited lecture, "Food, Place, and Power: Gastroimaginaries and the Study of Food." NHM 101, Introduction to Food Studies. The University of Mississippi. Oct. 21.
- 2021 Keynote lecture, "Farming is the past, and it is also the future." Back to Your Roots 2021: Reshaping Communities Through Regenerative Agriculture. Eros, LA. September 10.

- 2019 Invited lecture, “Gastrodiplomacy in two Souths: Cuisine as Nation-brand in Peru and the U.S. South.” The University of Mississippi Center for the Study of Southern Culture South Talks lecture series. Oxford, MS. September 4.
 Invited lecture, “Gastrodiplomacia en dos sures: Gastronomía como marca nacional en Perú y el sur de los E.E.U.U.” Universidad de San Ignacio de Lloyola, Facultad de Gastronomía y Artes Culinarias. Lima, Perú. June 6.
 Invited lecture, “Gastrodiplomacia en dos sures: La comida como marca nacional en Perú y el sur de los E.E.U.U.” Pontificia Universitaria Católica del Perú, Department of Social Sciences. Lima, Perú. May 8.
 Invited lecture, “New Orleans’ ‘Renaissance’ and the New Southern Food Movement.” Mississippi State University Geosciences Departmental Seminar, Starkville, MS. January 18.
- 2018 Presidential Plenary Session, “When the Big Easy Isn’t So Easy.” American Association of Geographers’ Meeting, New Orleans, LA. April 10.
 Invited lecture: “New Orleans and the New Southern Food Movement.” The University of Mississippi, Center for the Study of Southern Culture, Oxford, MS. April 4.
- 2017 Distinguished Faculty Panel, Graduate Association of Food Studies Conference, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. Oct. 20.
- 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. (**Competitive*)
- 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

- 2019 **Amsterdam Symposium on the History of Food**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Nov. 15. “Peruvian Gastrodiplomacy: Cuisine as Nation-Brand in Post-colonial Context.”
- 2018 **American Association of Geographers’ Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, LA, April 10-16.
Paper presentation: “New Orleans ‘Renaissance’ and the New Southern Food Movement”
Panelist: “Making Agrarian Justice Happen: Strategy, Activism, and Lessons from Grassroots Leaders,”
- 2017 **Southeastern Division of the American Association of Geographers’ Annual Meeting**, Starkville, MS, Nov. 20.
Paper presentation: “Southern foodways in the classroom and beyond.”
American Association of Geographers’ Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, April 2-5
Paper presentation: “Place-marketing and Mythmaking Through Food in Peru and the American South”
Panelist: “Author Meets Critic: Amy Trauger’s *We Want Land to Live*”
Southern American Studies Association Conference, Williamsburg, VA, March 2-4
Paper Presentation: “Gastrodiplomacy Flows”
- 2015 **Race and Sustainability Conference**, University of Mississippi School of Law Oxford, MS. April 2., Panelist
- 2014 **Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers’ Annual Meeting**, Athens, GA, November 25.
Panel Presentation: “Security, access, justice, sovereignty: Shifting discourses on the right to food in New Orleans.”
- 2014 **Southern Foodways Alliance and William Winter Institute Graduate Student Conference**, Oxford, MS. September 27.
Panelist: Careers in the field of foodways.
- 2013 **Association of American Geographers’ Annual Meeting**, Los Angeles, CA, April 11.
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.”
Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 5.
Paper presentation: “Whose right to (farm) the city?: Race and food justice activism in post Katrina New Orleans.”
- 2011 **Association of American Geographers’ Annual Meeting**, Seattle, WA, April 15.
Paper pres.: “Urban political ecology and the framing of food sovereignty discourses.”
- 2010 **Asociación Cubana de Técnicos Agrícolas y Forestales**, Havana, Cuba, May 19.
Eighth Annual Meeting on Organic and Sustainable Agriculture.
Paper presentation: “Agroecology and social capital in three local food initiatives.”
Association of American Geographers’ Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 16.
Paper pres.: “Farming for the people: Social capital across three local food initiatives.”
- 2009 **Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society and The Association for the Study of Food and Society**, Joint Annual Meeting, State College, PA, May 29.
Paper presentation: “Farming for the People: Social Capital Amongst Farmers.”

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

“Lawmakers discuss plans to ban critical race theory in Mississippi classrooms.” *Mississippi Edition* interview with Kobe Vance for Mississippi Public Broadcasting, August 2, 2021.

<https://play.acast.com/s/24acb448-7232-5e9c-bob1-cc472837fc13/6107ffdf5afe3a0012519a36?seek=920>

Brown, Brittany. 2021. “Food that’s going to stick to your ribs: The significance of soul food in Yalobusha County.” *Mississippi Today*, February 26.

<https://mississippitoday.org/2021/02/26/food-thats-going-to-stick-to-your-ribs-the-significance-of-soul-food-in-yalobusha-county/>

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021 Faculty Success Program 12-week Boot Camp
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity
(Funding provided by the UM Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion)
- 2021 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Audit and Workshop with Beloved Community
Center for the Study of Southern Culture, the University of Mississippi
- 2018 Workshop on Food Justice in Appalachia and the U.S. South
West Virginia University Department of Geography/Food Justice Lab, Morgantown, WV.
- 2016 National Science Foundation Summer Course for Research Design
The University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- 2013 Engaging the Public Workshop, University of Georgia Graduate School, Athens, GA.
- 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

Peer Review *Qualitative Sociology, Journal of Rural Studies; Agriculture and Human Values; Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development; Society and Space; Gastronomica; University of Georgia Press; University of Mississippi Press; University of Arkansas Press.*

- 2021- Faculty liaison to the College of Liberal Arts Equity Planning Task Force
- 2020- Graduate Program Director, Southern Studies
- 2014- Faculty advisor to the Southern Foodways Alliance
- 2019-2020 Co-Chair, Critical Race Studies Group, The University of Mississippi
- 2018-2019 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Center for the Study of Southern Culture
- 2018-2019 PhD. Study Committee, UM Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2018-2019 Search Committee Member, Director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture
- 2018-2019 Search Committee Member, Associate Director for Programs, Center for the Study of Southern Culture
- 2018 Organizer, Southern Foodways Alliance Graduate Student Conference: Southern Foodways Across the Disciplines, Oxford, MS., Sept. 10-11.
- 2017 Organizer, Southern Foodways Alliance Graduate Student Conference: Foodways and Social Justice in the South, Oxford, MS., Sept. 11-12.

- 2016 Organizer, Southern Foodways Alliance Graduate Student Conference: The Cornfed South, Oxford, MS., Sept. 10-11.
- 2015-2016 Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Southern Studies and Anthropology or Sociology, The University of Mississippi
- 2014-2016 Faculty advisor to the Real Food Rebels, The University of Mississippi
- 2015 Organizer, Southern Foodways Alliance Graduate Student Conference: Southern Food and Pop Culture, Oxford, MS., Oct. 10-11.
- 2012 Community Research Partner, Lower Ninth Ward Food Access Coalition
New Orleans, Louisiana

Volunteer, Hollygrove Market and Farm, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 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
- 2008-2010 President, PLACE (Promoting Local Agriculture and Cultural Experiences)
Athens, GA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Geographers (Specialty Group Memberships: Food and Agriculture; Urban Geography)
 Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers
 Association for the Study of Food and Society
 Southeastern American Studies Association
 Latin American Studies Association
 Critical Race Studies Group of the University of Mississippi
 The Southern Foodways Alliance