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## Curriculum Vitae | October 2021

### EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | Expected 2024 | <i>Sociology, University of California Santa Cruz</i><br>Advisors: Julie Guthman, Miriam Greenberg,<br>Angelo, Lindsey Dillon       |
| J.D.  | 2013          | <i>University of Wisconsin Law School</i><br>International and Comparative Law Concentration  |
| B.A.  | 2010          | <i>Spanish, Communication Arts-Rhetoric, University of Wisconsin-Madison</i><br>Global Cultures Certificate; Leadership Certificate |

### RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Critical Food Studies; Alternative Food Movements & Food Justice; Urban Sociology; Sociology of the Environment; Critical Human Geographies; Uneven Development & Geographies of Exclusion

### AWARDS & GRANTS

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| 2020         | UCSC Sociology Department Research and Travel Award   |
| 2020         | AAG Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group Graduate Research Award   |
| 2019-2020    | UC Global Food Initiative Fellowship Recipient  |
| 2018-Present | UC Santa Cruz Science & Justice Training Program Fellow   |
| 2019         | UCSC Graduate Student Association Student Travel Grant  |
| 2019         | Association for the Study of Food & Society Local Event Grant   |
| 2018         | Association for the Study of Food & Society Student Travel Grant  |
| 2018         | Graduate Association of Food Studies Conference Student Travel Award  |
| 2018         | UCSC Graduate Student Association Student Travel Grant  |
| 2018         | American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award  |
| 2018         | Association for the Study of Food & Society Student Travel Grant  |
| 2018         | Summer Fellowship, University of California Santa Cruz  |
| 2017         | Regents' Fellowship, University of California Santa Cruz  |
| 2017         | Sociology Department Fellowship, University of California Santa Cruz  |
| 2013         | Student Travel Grant, Willem C. Vis International Moot, East Asian Legal Studies Center, University of Wisconsin Law School |

## PUBLICATIONS

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Guthman, Julie and Erica Zurawski. 2020. "If I need to put more armor on, I can't carry more guns': the collective action problem of breeding for productivity in the California strawberry industry." *The International Journal of Sociology of Agriculture and Food* 26(1).

Zurawski, Erica. 2018. "The Phenomenon of the Park Slope Food Coop: The Stakes of De-Politicized Monotony." *Graduate Journal of Food Studies* 5, no. 2. <https://gradfoodstudies.org/2018/12/11/the-phenomenon-of-the-park-slope/>

Zurawski, Erica. 2017. Review of Abbots, Emma-Jayne. *The Agency of Eating: Mediation, Food, and the Body*. Bloomsbury Academic, 2017. ix, 192 pp. In the *Graduate Journal of Food Studies*, Vol. 5, No. 1. <https://gradfoodstudies.org/2018/06/01/review-the-agency-of-eating/>

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & PARTICIPATION

### **Conferences Co-Organized**

May 2019                      The Futures of Critical Food Studies, University of California Santa Cruz

### **Panels Organized**

February 2021              "Interdisciplinary Engagements Beyond the 'Food Desert'," at the *American Association of Geographers* 2022 Annual Meeting, New York, NY

June 2019                    "Conversations on Scholar-Activism and Public-Facing Scholarship in Food Studies," *Association for the Study of Food & Society Conference*, University of Alaska

### **Papers Presented**

June 2021                    "[Food] Desert Imperialism: Desert Imaginaries, Wasteland Narratives & the Ideology of Improvement" at the *Just Food ASFS, AFHVS, CAFS, SAFN Joint Annual Conference* 2021 (Virtual)

April 2021                    "[Food] Desert Imperialism: Colonial Imaginaries of Lack & the Making of *Terra Economica*" at the *American Association of Geographers* 2021 Annual (Virtual) Meeting

April 2020                    "Why are we stuck in the (colonial) desert? Interrogating the Staying Power of the Food Desert Metaphor" at the *American Association of Geographers* 2020 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (Accepted, but conference cancelled due to COVID-19).

June 2019                    "'The Desert Shall Blossom as the Rose': Linking Settler Colonialism, Environmental Racism, and Food Justice Organizing in North Denver" at the *Agriculture, Food, And Human Values Society / Association for the Study of Food and Society* 2019 Annual Meeting, University of Alaska, Anchorage

October 2018                "From Gold Rush to Reefer Madness: Linking Colonialism, Commodity Flows, and Gentrification Within Denver's Food Justice Organizing" presented at the *Graduate Association for Food Studies* Future of Food Studies Conference, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

August 2018                "The Politics of Consumption and Production: Moving Beyond 'Justice' in

Food Justice Organizing” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

August 2018 “Politics of Consumption vs. Politics of Production: A Dialectic Framework to Comparatively Analyze Food Justice and Food Sovereignty Organizing” presented at the ASA Consumers & Consumption Section Mini-Conference, Rutgers University-Camden

June 2018 “Politics of Consumption vs. Politics of Production: A Dialectic Analysis of Food Access Organizing” presented at the *Agriculture, Food, And Human Values Society / Association for the Study of Food and Society* 2018 Annual Meeting, University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **TEACHING**

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### **Graduate Student Instructor**

Summer 2021 Instructor of Record, Socy 105B: Contemporary Social Theory, UCSC

### **Teaching Assistantships & Readerships**

Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant, Socy 105A: Classical Social Theory, UCSC  
Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant, Socy 105B: Contemporary Social Theory, UCSC  
Winter 2021 Teaching Assistant, Socy 105B: Contemporary Social Theory, UCSC  
Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant, Socy 1: Introduction to Sociology, UCSC  
Summer 2020 Teaching Assistant, Socy 136: Social Psychology, UCSC  
Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, Cmmu 165: Community Analysis for Global Health, UCSC  
Winter 2020 Teaching Assistant, Cmmu 145: Global Capitalism, UCSC  
Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant, Socy 105A: Classical Social Theory, UCSC  
Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, Socy 105B: Contemporary Social Theory, UCSC  
Winter 2019 Teaching Assistant, Socy 105A: Classical Social Theory, UCSC  
Fall 2018 Teaching Assistant, Cmmu 149: Political Economy of Food & Agriculture  
Summer 2018 Teaching Assistant, Envs 147: Environmental Injustice/Inequity, UCSC  
Winter 2018 Teaching Assistant, Socy 105B: Contemporary Social Theory, UCSC  
Fall 2017 Reader, Socy 185: Environmental Inequalities, UCSC

### **Guest Lectures**

Fall 2019 Guest Lecturer on George Herbert Mead & W.E.B. Du Bois in “Classical Social Theory,” Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz  
Winter 2019 Guest Lecturer on George Herbert Mead & W.E.B. Du Bois in “Classical Social Theory,” Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz  
Summer 2018 Guest Lecturer on Food Justice & Food Sovereignty in “Environmental Injustice/Inequity,” Department of Environmental Studies, UC Santa Cruz  
Fall 2017 Guest Lecturer on Food Injustice & Food Sovereignty in “Environmental Inequalities,” Department of Sociology, UC Santa Cruz

### **Pedagogical Training**

Spring 2021 Certificate in Course Design & Deliver, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Leadership, UCSC

Winter 2021 Certificate in Teaching Disciplinary Writing, Center for Innovation in Teaching and Leadership, UCSC

### **Other Teaching Experience**

2008 - 2010 Member Trainer & Committee Chair, Student Consultants and Speaker's Bureau  
2008 - 2009 Founder & Teacher, Students Advancing in Leadership  
2007 - 2008 Co-Teacher & Committee Chair, Emerging Leaders Program

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Summer 2021 Graduate Student Researcher, Dr. Lindsey Dillon  
Summer 2019 Graduate Student Researcher, Dr. Julie Guthman  
2012 - 2013 Competitor, Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot  
Summer 2011 Intern to the Honorable Judge Higginbotham, Wisconsin Court of Appeals

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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2019 - 2020 Graduate Advising Committee, UC Santa Cruz Sociology Department  
2013 Student Bar Association 3L Graduation Speaker Selection Committee Chair, University of Wisconsin Law School  
2011 - 2013 Law School Student Ambassador & Tour Guide  
2010 - 2013 Student Bar Association Class Representative, University of Wisconsin Law School

### **SERVICE & INVOLVEMENT IN PROFESSION**

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2020 - 2021 Committee Member, Association for the Study of Food and Society BIPOC Scholarship Committee  
2020 - 2021 Co-Organizer, The Food Studies (In)Digestion Series in the Graduate Association for Food Studies  
2019 - 2020 Research Mentor, Pathways2Research, EOP, UCSC  
2019 Co-Founder, The Graduate Association for Food Studies Reading Collective  
2019 - 2021 Co-President, Graduate Association for Food Studies  
2018 - Present Program Fellow, Science & Justice Training Program at UC Santa Cruz  
2018 - Present Member, University of California Santa Cruz Agri-Food Working Group  
2017 - 2019 Peer Reviewer, Graduate Association for Food Studies Journal  
2012 - 2013 Note & Comment Editor, Wisconsin Law Review, University of Wisconsin Law School  
2012 - 2013 Malt & Barley Editor, Wisconsin Law Review, University of Wisconsin Law School  
2011 - 2013 Member, Wisconsin Law Review, University of Wisconsin Law School  
2008 - 2010 Volunteer, Legal Information Center

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

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2019 - Present American Association of Geographers  
2017 - Present Association for the Study of Food and Society  
2013 - 2019 American Bar Association  
2013 - 2017 State Bar of Wisconsin

**ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Food Distribution Intern & Administrative Assistant, The GrowHaus Denver  
*April 2016 - June 2017*

Assistant Director of Events & Administration, University of Wisconsin Law School Research Centers  
*December 2014 - August 2015*

Project Coordinator, University of Wisconsin Law School East Asian Legal Studies Center  
*August 2013 - September 2015*

Project Assistant, University of Wisconsin Law School Admissions Office  
*August 2012 - August 2013*

Legal Intern, Satyapon & Partners, LLC  
*June 2012 - August 2012*