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Education

Arizona State University (Ph.D., 2015, Environmental Social Sciences)

Arizona State University (M.A., 2012, Environmental Social Sciences)

Arizona State University (B.A., 2007, Anthropology)

Paradise Valley Community College (Associate in Arts, 2001, honors)

Paradise Valley Community College (Associate in General Studies, 2001, honors)

Educational positions

Visiting Researcher at Arizona State University Tempe, AZ (2015 –);

Research Assistant, Urban Vulnerability to Climate Change: NSF Grant No. GEO-0816168, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (2012 – 2014);

Teaching Assistant, School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (2009 - 2011); List of Classes includes:

Poverty, Social Justice and Global Health

Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology

Technology and Society

Tutor, Learning Support Center, Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix, AZ (2001 – 2009); List of Classes includes:

Introduction to Cultural and Social Anthropology

Magic, Witchcraft and Healing: An Introduction to Comparative Religion

Buried Cities and Lost Tribes: Old World

Buried Cities and Lost Tribes: New World

Southwest Archaeology

Bones, Stones, and Human Evolution

Fundamental Chemistry, General Chemistry I & II

General Physics I & II, University Physics I & II

College Algebra / Functions

Finite Mathematics

Elements of Statistics

Calculus with Analytic Geometry I, II & III

Differential Equations

Publications

Bleasdale, T. (2015). *Gardens of Justice: Food-Based Social Movements in Underserved, Minority Communities*. Doctoral dissertation to be published online in 2017.

Bleasdale, T., C. Crouch, and S. L. Harlan. (2011). Community Gardening in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods in Phoenix, Arizona: Aligning Programs with Perceptions. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*, 1(3).

Other Publications

Bleasdale, T. (2014, August 6). *Food justice and local food system policy: A collaborative approach*. In *Community Greening Review* an annual publication of the American Community Garden Association. Retrieved from: <https://communitygarden.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Greening-Review-2014.pdf>

Research Grants

Central Arizona-Phoenix Long-Term Ecological Research, 2011, Co-Investigator (with Carolyn Crouch), "Graduate Research Grant": NSF Grant No. DEB-0423704, \$5000

Professional Presentations

"The formation of an urban food desert: Struggle for a just food system in Phoenix, Arizona." Paper presentation at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Spring 2013.

"A web-based interactive timeline of social-environmental change in central south Phoenix: 1860-2012." Poster presentation at the Central Arizona-Phoenix Long Term Ecological Research 15th Annual Urban Ecology and Sustainability Symposium. Spring 2013.

"Gardens of the future: Community gardening as a local adaptation to climate change." Poster presentation at the Adaptation Futures: 2012 International Conference on Climate Adaptation. Summer 2012.

"The formation of an urban food desert: Struggle for a just food system in Phoenix, AZ." Paper presentation at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. Spring 2012.

"The formation of an urban food desert: Struggle for a just food system in Phoenix, AZ." Poster presentation at the Central Arizona-Phoenix Long Term Ecological Research 14th Annual Urban Ecology and Sustainability Symposium. Spring 2012.

“Community Gardening in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods in Phoenix, Arizona: Aligning Programs with Perceptions”, A project update poster presentation at the Central Arizona-Phoenix Long Term Ecological Research 13th Annual Urban Ecology and Sustainability Symposium. Spring 2011.

“Community Gardening in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods in Phoenix, Arizona: Aligning Programs with Perceptions” A project update poster presented at the 16th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference on the Environment in Tucson sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Environmental Association (IEA). Fall 2010.

“Community-Based Gardening in Phoenix Central City South: Developing a University-Nonprofit Partnership” Poster presentation at the Central Arizona-Phoenix Long Term Ecological Research 12th Annual Urban Ecology and Sustainability Symposium. Spring 2010.

Public Outreach:

“Food & Livelihoods” A lecture for Arizona State University, School of Sustainability, for class SOS 117: Food System Sustainability. This class is prerequisite to students earning a Food Systems Sustainability Certificate from the School of Sustainability. I introduced the students to of global trends in farming livelihoods. September 8th, 2015.

“SINGULAR” in collaboration Brazil Scientific Mobility Program at Arizona State University hosted weekly educational forums for the Brazilian engineering students and invited multiple industry professionals in the fields of renewable energy and sustainability as lecturers. I was asked to present my research food justice in Phoenix. June 23rd, 2015.

“Local Food Systems” Maricopa County Cooperative Extension agency hosted a workshop series about food access in the valley. The workshops were for urban agricultural practitioners and organizing around food justice. I was asked to present my research around historical food justice movements in Phoenix and the creation of Phoenician food deserts. March 3rd, 2014.

“Futurescape City Tours” The Center for Nanotechnology in Society and the School of Sustainability programs at Arizona State University conducted a public engagement research project. In that I was asked to freely engage with citizen participants about sustainable agricultural practices as part of creating food security in Phoenix. October 5th, 2013.

"In the Climate Change Bullseye - Day of Action" A public presentation at the Civic Space Park in downtown Phoenix. Elected officials, community activists, climatologists and green architects spoke to climate change in Phoenix. I spoke to community gardening as an adaptation to climate change in Phoenix's Urban Heat Island. July 31st, 2013.

“Edible Stories: From Desert Foods to Food Deserts” A public presentation of artists, performers, farmers and scholars at the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA) about local and sustainable food systems in Phoenix, AZ. June, 2013.

“Cultivating the Food Desert” A popular article by journalist Allie Nicodemo outlining my 2011 study into community gardens in a local food desert. Published in both (2012) *Chain Reaction*, (7)1, pp 42-3 and Fall (2012) *CLAS Magazine* (1)1, pp 24-5.

Undergraduate Thesis Committee:

Sarah Machacek “Design and evaluation of a garden-based curriculum to teach nutrition, exercise, and a sustainable environment in inner-city elementary schools.” Barrett Honors College, (Spring 2011)

Honors and Awards

Dissertation Completion Fellowship from School of Human Evolution and Social Change, 2014-2015, \$18,000

Certified Permaculture Instructor, Spring 2008

3rd level CRLA certified Tutor, 2003

Dean’s Honor List, 2000 - 2003

Presidents Honor List, 2000

Memberships and Service:

Member of the Society for Ecological Restoration, (2011- 2012).

Member of the American Association of Geographers, (2009-2015).

Member of the Phoenix Permaculture Guild, (2007-).

Board of Directors for Recycles.Org, (1998 -2007).

Friday, September 18, 2015