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Educational Background:

- 2006 **Ph.D.**, Anthropology
Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy
Dissertation title: "Going to market: Places of sociability in Lyon and Turin" Advisors: Dr. Pier Paolo Viazzo and Dr. Francesco Remotti
- 1999 **Master of Arts**, History (first class)
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
Graduating paper: "Dining out: Middle-class anxiety in nineteenth-century Paris" Advisor: Dr. Caroline Ford
- 1997 **Bachelor of Arts**, History (first-class honours)
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
Honours thesis: "Post-colonial identity: The evolution of the Pieds-Noirs"

Academic Experience:

- 2007 - 2008 **Post-doctoral fellow** – Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche, Pollenzo, Italy. UNISG is a private international university that focuses on food studies from a scientific and humanistic perspective. My duties include mainly research, undergraduate thesis advising, course design and teaching.
- 2006 - 2007 **Lecturer** – University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
Departments of Anthropology and History
- 2003 - 2005 **Guest lecturer** – New York University, Department of Food Studies, Florence.
- 1999-2001 **Lectrice** - École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France.
- 1997-1999 **Teaching assistant** - Department of History, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Courses taught:

- **Introduction to Cultural Anthropology**
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, Summer 2006 & 2007
Designed and taught this first-year course that introduced key concepts of cultural anthropology with a major focus on ethnography and qualitative research practices.
- **Ethnography of the Mediterranean**
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, Summer 2007
This upper-division course focused on the theoretical and historical debates surrounding Mediterranean studies and area studies in general. From Homer's *Iliad* to the anthropology of tourism, this course looked at both the history and recent ethnography in and of the Mediterranean.
- **Ethnography of Europe**
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, Summer 2006
Taught in a seminar style, this upper-division course looked at the history of European ethnography as well as recent ethnographic research. Topics included migration, the construction and growth of the European Union, local and European identities and the anthropology of food.
- **Anthropology of Food**
Università di Scienze Gastronomiche, Pollenzo, Italy, Fall 2007

This graduate course focuses on the application of ethnographic methods to food studies research through the development of local projects related to food production in Northern Italy. Students are also introduced to the theory and history of the anthropology of food.

- **Ethnographic Methods**

Università di Scienze Gastronomiche, Pollenzo, Italy, Fall 2007

An introduction to fieldwork and the theoretical challenges of qualitative data collection and analysis. This is a course for non-Anthropology majors and aimed at give a general overview of practical research methods that could be used in applied situations and interdisciplinary studies. Students engage in fieldwork projects to put into practice ethnographic methodology

- **Nineteenth-Century European History**

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, Summer and Fall 2006

This upper-level course addressed major themes in European history from the French Revolution to World War I. Students were encouraged to enter into theoretical debates on the writing of history. A wide variety of primary sources were used, including novels, architecture and music.

- **Exploring the City**

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada, Fall/Spring 2007

This honours seminar looked at the history of the city from modernity to post-modernity, from Paris to Los Angeles. An inter-disciplinary approach was encouraged and this was strongly reflected in the course materials, which ranged from maps and memoirs to novels and films. Assignments included a research paper, group presentations and annotated bibliographies.

Research Interests:

Anthropology of Food – open-air markets; urban agriculture; politics of sustainable food systems; organic food; migration and identity; food and gender; environmental ecology and food production.

European and Mediterranean Ethnography – current issues in European ethnography: migration, citizenship, the transformation of agricultural societies, urban anthropology, national identities, transnationalism and the impact of the European Union on individual communities and the Euro-Med area.

Urban Anthropology – research methods, network studies, applied and community-based research, health and environment. I am currently conducting research on urban agriculture and community gardens and the politics of public spaces in Canada and Italy.

Economic Anthropology – trade and economic structures in simple and complex societies; gifts and exchange; non-monetary economies; consumer behaviour; moral economy.

Water and the environment– the history of bottled water in Italy and France; medicinal uses of water; privatisation of water supply in Europe and North America; political controversies surrounding the management of water as a public resource in Canada and Italy; current issues concerning the bottled water industry and water supply safety; water, the body and hygiene; managing agricultural water resources; water and morality

Professional Activities:

2006 to Present Contributing editor, Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition, American Anthropological Association [Anthropology News](#)

2006 to Present Social Sciences Book Review Editor, [Food and Foodways](#)

2006 Reviewer, [Journal of the Anthropology of Food](#)

2006-2007 Youth Coordinator, executive member, Slow Food Vancouver

Professional Courses:

2006 Instructional Skills Workshop – Centre for Teaching and Academic

Growth (TAG), University of British Columbia, Canada.

- 2004 IEHA (Institut Européen d'Histoire d'Alimentation), Tours, France.
Summer school in Food Studies
- 2002 European University Institute, Mediterranean programme,
Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Florence, Italy.
"Migration in the Euro-Mediterranean Area Demographic, Economic, Legal, Political
and Social Dimensions"

Scholarships and Awards:

- 2007-2008 Post-doctoral fellowship – Università di Scienze Gastronomiche, Italy
2001-2005 Full doctoral fellowship – International School of Advanced Study at the University of Turin,
Università degli Studi di Torino, Italy
1999 Education Abroad Program Award, University of British Columbia, Canada
1997-1999 Studentship, University of British Columbia, Canada

Language Skills:

- **French and Italian**--fluent
- **Spanish**--basic notions.

Publications:

Refereed Articles:

“Finding a place at the table: Mineral water, health and the case of San Gemini” Journal of Modern Italian Studies, in review.

“Feeding the city: Social welfare, food supply and urban markets in Lyon, France” Journal of the Oxford University Historical Society, Michealmas (3), 2005, (ISSN-1742-4146X).
<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~jouhs/>

“The Porta Palazzo Farmers’ Market: Local food, regulations and changing traditions” Anthropology of Food (ISSN-1609-9168) December 2004.
<http://ajax.cens.cnrs.fr/revue/aofood/2005/v/n4/011354ar.html>

Articles and contributions:

“Buona Forchetta: Overeating in Italy” in Haines, H. & C. Sammells, eds. Adventures in Eating: Anthropological Tales of Dining Around the World, accepted.

“Eating garbage: Socially marginal provisioning practices” in Mac Clancy, J., Henry, J. & Macbeth, H. eds. Consuming the inedible: Neglected dimensions of food choice, Oxford: Berghahn Books, accepted.

“Historical overview of urban development in France and Italy, 1820 to present” and other entries in Jan Rogozinski, ed. The City and urban life. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, accepted.

Black, Rachel & Mike Morris. "El món està alerta: construcció de la identitat urbana a les ciutats olímpiques", in Revista d'Etnologia de Catalunya, 31 (dossier: Espais urbans, F. X. Medina & R. Sánchez, coord.). Barcelona, 2007. accepted .

“Porta Palazzo: The market as a tourist attraction” in Tresserras, J. and F.X. Medina (eds.) Patrimonio gastronómico y turismo cultural en el Mediterráneo. Barcelona: Ibertur, Universitat de Barcelona I Institut Europeu de la Mediterrània, 2007, accepted,

“Acquirenti di autenticità” Slowfood, vol. 22, 2006 (novembre): 133-136.

Contributions to Rodriguez, Junius P. ed. The Louisiana Purchase: A Historical and geographical encyclopedia. Oxford: ABC Clío, 2002.

Review Articles:

Review article, Pretelli, Matteo & Anna Ferro, Gli italiani negli Stati Uniti del XX secolo. (Centro Studio Emigrazione Roma, 2005) for Journal of Modern Italian Studies, Vol. 11(2) June, 2006.

Review article, Simone Cinotto, Una famiglia che mangia insieme: Cibo ed etnicità nella comunità italoamericana di New York, 1920-1940. (Otto Editore, 2001) for H-Net, September, 2002.

Review article, Rebecca Spang, The Invention of the restaurant: Paris and modern gastronomic culture (Harvard UP, 2000), for Food and Foodways, Spring, 2001.

Academic Papers and Posters:

“Time to think about dinner: A study of everyday food rituals in Italy”, unpublished paper presented at the International Commission on the Anthropology of Food (ICAF) conference, Romania, Oct. 4-7, 2007.

“Finding a place at the table: The rise of the Italian mineral water industry”, unpublished paper presented at the Association for the Study of Food in Society (ASFS/AFHVS) Conference, May 30-June 3, 2007, Victoria, Canada

“Going to market: Open-air markets, public space and sociability in Italy and France”, poster presentation, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov. 16, 2006, San Jose, CA, USA.

“Market gardening in Florence, Italy: The struggle for local food”, unpublished paper presented at the Association for the Study of Food in Society (ASFS/AFHVS) Conference, June 7-11, 2006, Boston, MA, USA.

“Open-air market ethnographies: Methodological approaches and insights into fieldwork” guest speaker, Feb. 7, 2006, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada.

“The Croix-Rousse and Porta Palazzo markets: A comparative ethnographic study” unpublished paper presented at the Turin International Market Festival, Oct. 14-15, 2005, Turin, Italy

“Saturday Morning Market: Provisioning and Sociability in Lyon, France” unpublished paper presented at the Association for the Study of Food in Society (ASFS/AFHVS) Conference, June 9-15, 2005, Portland, Oregon, USA.

“Eating Garbage: Socially marginal provisioning practices” paper presented at the International Commission on the Anthropology of Food (ICAF) conference, June 2&3, 2005, Oxford, England.

“Culinary Encounters: Alimentation as a cross-cultural dialogue” unpublished paper presented at the SIEF/ADAM conference, Marseille, France, April 26-29, 2004.

“Porta Palazzo: Open-air markets and local identity” presented at the Boundaries XI: Identity and Space Conference, Binghamton University, NY, USA (April, 2003), Envisioning: Studies in image and idiom, www.envisioning-publication.org, 2004.

“Assistenza sociale e carità ai mercati di Lione: Un caso storico” working paper presented at the dipartimento di Scienze Antropologiche, Università degli Studi di Torino, October 1, 2003

Fieldwork:

2007-2008 Italy – Perspectives on tap and bottled water - ethnographic research conducted in north and central Italy.

2006 - 2007 Vancouver, Canada – community gardens and urban farming.

2005 Isolotto, Florence, Italy – Rural land and urban sprawl, the impact of land development on market gardens.

- 2005 Turin, Italy - *Orti abusivi* – urban farming and allotment gardens.
- 2003-2005 Amelia (TR), Italy. Changing food production in southern Umbria--
foraging, hunting and kitchen gardening.
- 2001-2003 Lyon, France and Turin, Italy - Doctoral research on open-air markets,
sociability and changing consumption practices concerning food, Lyon,
France and Turin, Italy.

Associational Memberships:

Association for the Study of Food in Society, American Anthropological Association, Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition, Society for the Anthropology of Europe, International Commission for the Anthropology of Food, Slow Food

Academic References:

Available upon request