

CURRICULUM VITAE

Cate Irvin, M.P.H.

PRESENT POSITION

Sociology Doctoral Candidate
 City, Culture and Community
 Tulane University (2011-present)

EDUCATION

2016 Ph.D. CCC-Sociology (Expected June 2016), Tulane University
 Thesis: Cart-Ography: Analyzing Pop-up Urbanism Through A Critical Assessment of Gourmet Food Truck Vending

Committee: Kevin Fox Gotham (Chair), Yuki Kato, and Michele Adams
 (Advanced to candidacy December 2014)

2011 M.P.H., International Health and Development, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
 Title: The Urban Bush: Urban Agriculture in Viwandani
 Committee: Laura Murphy (chair), Penny Jessop

2005 BA, Sociology (Suma cum Laude with Distinction), Emmanuel College, Boston, MA
 Title: Suspension: From Tribal Rituals to Modern Rites of Passage
 Committee: Britta Fischer (chair), Sr. Mary Johnson

AREAS OF RESEARCH & TEACHING INTEREST

Social Stratification/Inequality	Urban/Suburban Sociology
Race, Ethnicity & Gender	Social Problems
Urban Redevelopment	Quantitative Methods
Qualitative Methods	Geographic Information Systems
Political Sociology	Cultural Sociology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Kato, Yuki and Cate Irvin. 2013. "Flow of Food, People and Information across the City." *Spaces and Flows: An International Journal of Urban and ExtraUrban Studies*. 3(2): 45-56.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW

"Hybridized Authenticity: Reconstructing Authenticity in the Gourmet Food Truck Scene." Under review at *Symbolic Interaction*.

"'Opportunity Lots' for Urban Cultivation: Accessibility of Vacant Lots for Gardens and Farms in Post-Katrina New Orleans." With Yuki Kato and Scarlett Andrews. Revised and resubmit at *Urban Affairs Review*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Pop-Up to Permanent: Transforming Urban Space Through Mobile Entrepreneurship." Data analysis in progress.

"Mapping the Spatial Dimensions of Food Trucks using Twitter." Data analysis in progress.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Primary Investigator, 2012 – current

Designed and currently conducting data collection in New Orleans to investigate the broader social impacts of mobile food vendors.

Research Assistant, 2012 – 2015

Collected and analyzed data for Dr. Yuki Kato, Professor, Sociology Department, Tulane University.

Research Assistant, 2010 – 2011

Designed and organized content for the development of a new course for Dr. Laura Murphy, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Tulane University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016	Adjunct Professor, School of Continuing Studies, Tulane University
2015 - 2016	Instructor, Sociology Department, Tulane University
2013 - 2015	Teaching Assistant, Sociology Department, Tulane University
2014	Adjunct Professor, School of Continuing Studies, Tulane University
2013	Adjunct Professor, School of Social Work, Tulane University
2011	Teaching Assistant, School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, Tulane University

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

SOCI-1060: Urban Sociology

SOCI-2101: Culture of Consumption

SOCI-1090: Social Problems

Graduate

SOWK-7430: Tools for Learning and Practice III: Data Management, Analysis, Interpretation, and Presentation (Quantitative Analysis)

COURSES ASSISTED

Undergraduate

SOCI 3030: Introduction to Research Design

SOCI 2102: Latin American Development

SOCI 2010: Foundations of Sociology

Graduate

INHL 626: Formal Qualitative Research Methods

PRESENTATIONS

2015

“The Role of Food Trucks in Transforming the Local: The Case of Post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans.” Presented at Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR (October 21-25).

“Constructing Hybridized Authenticities in the Gourmet Food Truck Scene.” Presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (August 22-25).

“Transforming Urban Space Through Mobile Entrepreneurship.” Presented at Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (August 21-23).

2014

“Urban Cultivation as Blight Remedies?: Spatial Distribution of Gardens and Farms in New Orleans.” Co-authored with Professor Yuki Kato, presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (August 16-19).

“Opportunities and Challenges of Gaining Access to Blighted Urban Spaces for Urban Agriculture.” Co-authored with Professor Yuki Kato, presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (August 15-17).

“Hybridized Authenticity: Reconstructing Authenticity in the Gourmet Food Truck Scene.” Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC (April 3-5).

“Mapping the Spatial Dimensions of Food Trucks: Urban Transformations Through Mobile Outposts of Difference.” Presented at the Tulane University City, Culture, and Community Annual Symposium, New Orleans, LA (February 13-14).

2013

“Distinctive Food: A Study of New Orleans Food Trucks.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, CA (April 9-13).

“Urban farms as blight remedies?: Spatial distribution of the potentials and the realities of urban agriculture in New Orleans.” Co-Author Professor Yuki Kato, presented at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, San Francisco, CA (April 3-6).

“Transforming Place through Food: The Cultural World of the Food Truck Industry in New Orleans.” Presented at the Chicago Ethnography Annual Conference, Chicago, IL (March 2).

2012

“Flow of Food, People and Information across the City.” Co-author Professor Yuki Kato, presented at the Spaces and Flows International Conference on Urban and ExtraUrban Studies Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI (October 11-12).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Summer Merit Fellowship Award, (\$2,500), 2015 Dissertation Writing Stipend, School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University

Community-Based Participatory Research Grant, (\$4,500), 2015 Center for Public Service Tulane University

New Orleans Center for the Gulf South Global South Fellowship (\$1,500), 2013 Tulane University

Travel Fund, J.E. Land Fund, Tulane University (2015)

Travel Fund, City Culture and Community, Tulane University (2012, 2013, 2014)

Travel Fund, Graduate Studies Student Association, Tulane University (2012, 2014)

SERVICE

Professional

Ad hoc article reviewer for:
Urban Studies

Community

Study design, data collection and analysis of the community involvement with the developing food truck industry and public market spaces. *New Orleans Food Truck Coalition* and *My House NOLA*. New Orleans, LA 2014-2015.

Data collection and analysis of the community involvement with the alternative food market. *Hollygrove Market and Farm*. New Orleans, LA 2012-2013.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Community and Urban Sociology
Consumers and Consumption
Culture
Inequality, Poverty and Mobility
Sociological Practice & Public Sociology

Southern Sociology Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction

Political Sociology
Race, Class, & Gender
Sex & Gender
Methodology
Theory

American Association of Geographers

Urban Affairs Association

American Humanist Society

REFERENCES

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