

EDUCATION

2010 – 2018 (expected), Ph.D. Cultural Studies Graduate Group, University of California, Davis
Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory and Research | Dissertation Title: “Eat for Your
Microbes: Reimagining Dietary Health and Subjectivity in the Probiotic Present”
2008, Master of Arts English Literature, Arizona State University
2005, Bachelor of Arts English and Women’s Studies, Arizona State University

PUBLICATIONS

“Negotiating Nutritionism, Self-control, and Embodiment: Ideological Paradigms Shaping
Individual Food Choice,” with Charlotte Biltekoff, under review with *Food and
Foodways*.
“Bubbling Bodies and Queer Microbes: Dispatches from the Foundation for Fermentation
Fervor,” with S.E. Nash in *Fermenting Feminism*. Ed. Lauren Fournier. Berlin: Laboratory
for Aesthetics and Ecology, 2017. 83–89.
“Diet and the Middle Class in America,” with Charlotte Biltekoff, in *The American Middle Class:
An Economic Encyclopedia of Progress and Poverty*. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood
Press, 2017. 696–700.
“Marin French Cheese Company,” and “Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company,” in the
Oxford Companion to Cheese. Oxford University Press, 2016. 495, 576.
Review of *Weighing In: Obesity, Food Justice, and the Limits of Capitalism* by Julie Guthman.
Gastronomica 13.3 (2013). 80–81.
“To Make a Curry the India Way’: Tracking the Meaning of Curry Across Eighteenth-Century
Communities.” *Food and Foodways* 19.1 (2011): 122–134.
Reprinted in *Local Foods Meet Global Foodways: Tasting History*. Eds. Benjamin Lawrence and
Carolyn de la Pena. New York: Routledge, 2012. 126–138.

TEACHING

ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR, University of California, Davis

American Studies: Eating in America (Winter 2014, upper-division course)
American Studies: Technology and Society (Summer 2015, lower-division course)
Gender, Sexuality, and Women Studies: Introduction to Women & Gender Studies
(Summer 2012, lower-division introductory course)

TEACHING ASSISTANT, University of California, Davis

American Studies: Food in American Culture (Spring 2012 and 2014, Winter 2013) Objects
& Everyday Life (Spring 2011), Images of Americans (Winter 2015)
Gender, Sexuality, and Women Studies: Introduction to Gender Studies (Fall 2010, 2011,
and 2012, Winter 2011)
African and African-American Studies: Survey of Ethnicity in America (Winter 2012)

PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CONFERENCE CO-ORGANIZER, **Imagining America** (Davis, CA)

(January 2017—current) Convene local and national stakeholders for conference planning, organize and run weekly meetings, assist with development and distribution of communications, work with community organizations to curate site workshops, assist with conference logistics, schedules, and volunteer training.

MELLON PUBLIC SCHOLAR, **Center for Genetics and Society** (Berkeley, CA)

(June—August 2016) Research and compile findings on public debates in human germ-line gene editing, including CRISPR/Cas-9. With reproductive and disability justice advocates, prepare white paper on social impacts of CA Senate legislation to expand the market for women's eggs.

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, University of California, Davis

(January 2016—current) **Feminist Research Institute**. Manage website and social media, prepare online content, assist with programming, events, and affiliate development.

(September 2014—December 2016) **UC Davis Humanities Institute**. Write and edit news stories, website and email communications, event programming, and scheduling.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER, University of California, Davis

(Summers: 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016) Charlotte Biltekoff, **American Studies and Food Science Technology**. Compile images for manuscript publication, primary research and analysis for projects of processed foods and consumer food choice.

(Fall 2013) Caren Kaplan, **Cultural Studies**. Update Cultural Studies Graduate Group website, compile guidebook for students travelling abroad on fellowship.

(Summer 2013) Kimberly Nettles-Barcelón, **Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies**. Prepare EndNote bibliography for materials on women food entrepreneurs.

WEBSITE EDITOR & TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE WRITER, University of California, Davis

(September 2010—January 2016) **Foods for Health Institute**. Research, conduct interviews, take photographs, organize and edit content, build web pages and news items for ffhi.ucdavis.edu. Managed a full-site transition in summer 2015.

(September 2014—May 2015) **Center of Health for Advancing Microbial and Mucosal Protection (CHAMMP)**. Create website using Orchard and Plone platforms, research news articles, develop content, build pages and news items for chammp.ucdavis.edu.

SELECTED CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

- "On the theoretical possibilities and material practices of a queer crip fermentive politics." Paper presentation. *Leavening the Conversation: Food, Fermentation, and Feminism*. 29 September–1 October 2017. Montreal, Quebec.
- "Fermentation as Metaphor and Praxis for Living Impurely." Paper presentation and panel organizer of "(In)Sensibilities of Human and Microbial Lives." *Society for the Social Studies of Science*. 30 August–2 September 2017. Boston, MA.
- "Contaminated Eating." Paper presentation. *Association for the Study of Food and Society*. 14–17 June 2017. Los Angeles, CA.

- “Thinking with Microbes and Humans,” co-organizer of interdisciplinary workshop in the UC Davis Science and Technology Studies Program. Invited guests: sociologist Hannah Landecker (UCLA) and microbial ecologist David Coil (UC Davis). 1-2 June 2017. UC Davis.
- “Troubling Biodiversity: Plants, Bacteria, and Dogs,” Panelist, with Xan Chacko and Diana Pardo Pedraza. *Annual Symposium of the Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory and Research*. 19 May 2017. University of California, Davis.
- “Collapsing the Non-Western and Pre-Modern Subject in Ancestral Microbiome Research.” Paper presentation. *Association of Cultural Studies*. 14–17 December 2016. Sydney, Australia.
- “Eating in Relation to Others: Digestive Entanglements of the Human Microbiome.” Paper presentation. *Society for the Social Studies of Science*. 30 August–2 September 2016. Barcelona, Spain.
- “Selling the Human Food Bar: Harnessing New Science and Old Narratives in Food Marketing.” Paper presentation and Chair of “Interrogating Nutritionism and Dietary Science in Novel Food Products” panel. *Association for the Study of Food and Society*. 22–24 June 2016. Toronto, CA.
- “An Organ, a Garden, a Holobiont: Conceptualizing Human and Microbe Relations.” Paper presentation. *EcoMaterialisms: Scales of Matter(ing)*. 13–14 May 2016. UC Davis.
- “What to Eat for Your Microbiota: Dietary Advice in the Probiotic Present.” *Future of Food Studies Conference, Graduate Association for Food Studies*. 23–25 October 2015. Harvard University.
- “Non-Human Feminisms.” Panelist, with Xan Chacko. *Annual Symposium of the Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory and Research*. 29 May 2015. UC Davis.
- “In Search of Our Ancestral Microbes: The Microbiome and the Problem of Modernity.” *Moral Cultures of Food: Access, Production and Consumption, Past and Present*. UNT Initiative in Food Culture and Environment. 2–4 April 2015. University of North Texas.
- “Eating with Microbes: Reimagining Food Politics through Bacteria.” *Association for the Study of Food and Society*. 20–23 June 2014. University of Vermont.
- “A Case of Cookbooks and Gender.” Panelist, with Elisa Ocegueda and Trisha Barua. *Considering Food Studies from a Cultural Studies Approach*. *Cultural Studies Association*. 28 March 2012. University of California, San Diego.

AWARDS

- Multi-Campus Graduate Working Group Grant, “Theorizing Human and Microbial Relations,” University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI) (2016-17)
- Mellon Public Scholar in the Humanities, UC Davis Humanities Institute (Summer 2016)
- Conference Travel Grant, UC Davis Graduate Student Association (2016)
- Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Cultural Studies Graduate Group (Fall 2015)
- Travel Award, Humanists@Work Graduate Career Workshop, UCHRI (2015–2017)
- Reading and Writing Workshops Grant, Davis Humanities Institute (2014-2015)
- Mellon Social Justice Initiative Graduate Research Fellowship, UC Davis (2014)
- Henry A. Jastro Graduate Summer Support Fellowship, UC Davis (2013, 2014, 2015)
- Consortium for California Studies Graduate Research Grant, UCHRI (2012)
- Summer Research Grant, Davis Humanities Institute (2011)
- Conference Travel Grant, UC Davis Graduate Student Association (2011)

GUEST LECTURES & INVITED TALKS

- "Engaging the Human Microbiome." Guest lecture for BioDesign Theory & Practice Seminar. 28 April 2016 and 27 April 2017. University of California, Davis.
- "Genomic Articulations of Identity." Guest lecture for American Studies Program: Technology in American Lives. 1 March 2016. University of California, Davis.
- "Cultural Studies Methodology Salon." Panelist. Cultural Studies Graduate Group Colloquium Series. 23 April 2015. University of California, Davis.
- Respondent to Matthew Booker "The Century-Old Origins of Food Safety Debates and Their Implications for Food Politics," UC Davis Environments and Societies Research Colloquium. 3 March 2015. University of California, Davis.
- "Cultural Fermentation: Reimagining Food Politics with Bacteria." Mellon Social Justice Initiative Graduate Research Fellows. 12 December 2014. University of California, Davis.
- "Food, Culture, and Colonialism." Guest lecture for Community and Regional Development, Food Systems. 16 October 2014. University of California, Davis.
- "Food, Gender, and Colonialism." Guest lecture for Women and Gender Studies: Women and Colonialism. 7 November 2012, 4 November 2013, 23 October 2014. University of California, Davis.
- "From Curry to Curry Powder." Guest lecture for Food Ethics and Cultural Identity. 12 December 2009. Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts, Scottsdale, AZ.

COMMUNITY & ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Member: Speculative Ecofeminist Futures. UC Davis Feminist Research Institute working group (2017 – 2018)
- Member: Radical Mycology Working Group. UC Davis Feminist Research Institute working group (2017 – 2018)
- Co-facilitator: Feminism & Sciences Working Group. UC Davis Feminist Research Institute (2016 – 2017)
- Co-organizer: Human and Microbial Superorganism Reading Group, with \$500 grant from the UC Davis Humanities Institute (2015 – 2016)
- Student Representative: UC Davis Graduate Student Association (2015 – 2016)
- Student Representative: Cultural Studies Executive Committee (2014 – 2015)
- Organizer: Cultural Studies Graduate Writing Workshop, with \$500 grant from the UC Davis Humanities Institute (2014 – 2015)
- Member: Planning Committee for the American Studies Association Food Studies Caucus (2014)
- Planning Member: Student symposium and feminist pedagogy workshop for the Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory and Research, UC Davis (2012 – 2013)
- Co-coordinator: Critical Studies in Food and Culture Research Cluster, UC Davis (2011 – 2012)
- Member: UC Multi-Campus Research Group: Studies of Food & the Body (2010 – 2012)