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EDUCATION

- **The London School of Economics and Political Science (current)**, MPhil/Phd Candidate in Human Geography and Urban Studies, Department of Geography and the Environment
Supervisors Sylvia Chant and Austin Zeiderman
- **The London School of Economics and Political Science**, MSc in Gender, Development and Globalisation
Highest Honours, Distinction, Best Degree Performance Award
Core focus in agro-food systems, with knowledge of urbanisation, agricultural development, value chain analysis, climate change, hunger and poverty, sustainable livelihood approaches, and environmental issues. In-depth engagement with theoretical and conceptual underpinnings of gender and development, requiring acute analytical skills.
- **King's College of London**
2 semesters Hindi language study
- **Cornell College**
Bachelor of Specialised Studies in Peace & Conflict Studies
Highest Honours, Summa Cum Laude, 3.92 GPA (4.0 scale)
- **ACM India Studies Program with Pune University**
6 months immersive Marathi language study

ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS

- *LSE PhD Studentship*, full tuition scholarship & stipend, London School of Economics
- *Best Degree Performance Award* for MSc in Gender, Development and Globalisation, London School of Economics
- *Finalist for FWSA Annual Essay Top-Prize*, Feminist and Women Studies Association of UK and Ireland
- *IEC Fellow*, Institute for Environmental Communication, Loyola University
- *Phi Beta Kappa Honour Society*
- *Maduff Civil Rights award*, Cornell College Politics Department
- *Full-Tuition Scholarship*, Cornell College

PUBLICATIONS/EDITORIAL

- **MSNBC News**, '10 Years Later: New Orleans residents reflect on life after Katrina', Producer, 2015
- **WWNO 89.9 Radio**, 'Katrina: The Debris-Newcomers', Interview on celebrity philanthropy, 2015
- **Food and Foodways Journal**, Reviewer, 2013-14
- **Journal of International Women's Studies**, 'Healthy Choices, Heavy Burdens: Race, Gender and Citizenship in the United States "Obesity Epidemic"', Author, 2012
- **Index on Censorship**, 'American Agriculture's Great Cover-Up', Author, 2012

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Grow Dat Youth Farm**, New Orleans, Louisiana (2010-present)
Assistant Director; Founding Staff; currently Consultant
Social entrepreneurship project for increasing food access in New Orleans and developing youth leadership. The mission of the Grow Dat Youth Farm is to nurture a diverse group of young leaders through the meaningful work of growing food. Media and Communications: As Assistant Director, doubled Twitter followers (700 to 1,425), Facebook likes (1,600 to 3,000) and subscribers to email list (850 to 1,700) in less than a year.
- **Payson Center for International Development, Tulane University** (2012-2014)
Adjunct Professor
- **New Orleans Food Policy Advisory Committee** (2010-2013)
Co-Chair
- **Leadership Now**, Bangalore, India (2010)
Lecturer on Women's Rights, Globalisation and Social Movements for international exchange program for U.S. students.
- **Mission Pie**, San Francisco, California (2008-2009)
Youth mentor teaching on-the-job skills with local teenagers at 'farm to table' small business enterprise. Winner of 'California Small Business of The Year 2009'.