

# Dr. Ferne Edwards

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

I am a cultural anthropologist with close to twenty years international research and teaching experience on sustainable cities, food systems and social change. My work explores the socio-cultural contexts, ethics, politics and sustainability potential of diverse social food economies in cities. I have conducted ethnographies on food waste, urban beekeeping, non-monetised alternative food economies, and food sharing in Australia, Venezuela and Spain. This research contributes knowledge to urban natures, conservation, design, and healthy and resilient cities. Awarded my PhD on 12 May 2015, I hold 4 current book contracts, 23 academic refereed publications, a H-Index of 8, and 416 citations. I also have experience designing and delivering global, cross-cultural, interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral research panels, programs and networks. Positions held include: leading the governance infrastructure, networks and institutionalisation work package for the European Union Horizon 2020 Innovation Action project *EdiCitNet* to establish an international edible cities network (RMIT Europe, Barcelona), UrbanA Fellow for Just and Sustainable cities (EU project, 2019-2022), World Social Science Fellow on Urban Issues in the Global South (International Social Science Council, 2013), Australian Anthropology Society Fellow (2016), and Honorary Research Associate for the Centre for Urban Research (RMIT University, 2016). I am currently a Postdoctoral fellow – Socially and Environmentally Just Transitions, Department of Design, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (Trondheim, Norway).

## EDUCATION

**Doctorate of Philosophy—Cultural Anthropology**, 2010–2015, Australian National University  
*Supervisor's*: A.Prof. Jane Dixon, ANU, Prof. Thomas Reuter, Uni.Melb, Prof. Tony Capon, Monash.

- Awarded Australian Postgraduate Award.
- Awarded PhD with minor revisions.

*Gleaned, Grown and Gifted: The significance of social food economies in productive cities*

The doctorate addressed food system crises and food security, investigating the contribution that civil society driven food economies make to feeding urban populations through extensive field research in cities of Venezuela and Australia. The research reveals that many citizens desire greater food sovereignty, there exists emerging forms of collaboration between and across grassroots and government sectors, and strategies and junctures where improvements and policies could occur. The research contributed to CSIRO 'Urbanism, Climate Adaptation and Health' program.

**Masters Social Science—International Urban and Environmental Management**, 2003–2005  
RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia. *Supervisor*: Associate Professor Dave Mercer.

- Awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Class Master's thesis for independent research project
- Completed course work subjects for degree

*Gleaning from Gluttony: How a Youth Subculture Consumes Food Waste to Ascribe Identity and Attain Social Change*

The thesis conducted extensive ethnographic research into explored the emergence of two related subcultures: 'Dumpster Diving' (individuals who choose to eat food that would otherwise be discarded) and 'Food Not Bombs' (a group who collect left-over food to give away). The analysis focused on the ethics and identity construction of alternative consumption, exemplifying the role of contemporary activist's use of space, place and culture in relation to social issues.

**Bachelor of Arts—Honours in Anthropology**, 2002, University of Melbourne, Australia  
Course work and thesis: *Subversive Agriculture: A Politico-Ecological Analysis of the Organic Farming Movement*

**Bachelor of Arts—Anthropology and Spanish**, 1998–2001, University of Queensland, Brisbane

- Thrice awarded Dean's Commendation for Academic Achievement (1999; 2001; 2001)
- Exchange Student, *La Universidad de Salamanca*, Spain (2000)

### **ACADEMIC RECOGNITION**

2020—Appointed Review Editor, *Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems — Social Movements, Institutions and Governance*

2020—Appointed Award Director for 'Why the World Needs Anthropologists' Conference

2019—Appointed UrbanA Fellow in the European Commission Urban-Arena program to distill solutions for just and sustainable cities.

2019—Guest lecturer, 'Food for Degrowth' International Degrowth Summer School, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.

2016—Honorary Associate, Centre for Urban Research, RMIT University, Melbourne.

2016—Fellow, Australian Anthropology Society.

2015—Host of panel: *Transitions in Urban Environments*, World Social Science Forum, Durban.

2013—Appointed theme coordinator for ISSC book: *Untamed Urbanisms*, Routledge.

2013—Participated in Sustainable Urbanization workshop, Quito, Ecuador, held by ISSC.

2013—Appointed *World Social Science Fellow* by International Social Science Council (ISSC).

2008—Chair, *Sustainable City and Human Life*, World Knowledge Forum, Seoul.

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

#### **Postdoctoral Fellow – Socially and Environmentally Just Transitions, 7/9/20–6/9/23, Dept of Design, NTNU**

To contribute to the Design for Sustainability group on sustainability transitions by:

- Conducting research on urban natures, more-than-human theories, and urban systems
- Publishing academic papers and disseminating research

#### **Research Fellow & Lead, Work Package 1, H2020 IA *EdiCitNet*, 14/9/18–12/3/21 RMIT Europe**

This Work Package establishes the governance, networks and institutionalisation infrastructure across 10 cities and 9 work packages to support the establishment of an edible cities a network.

- Submitted all 7 deliverables for 5-year project within the first year.
- Lead contributor for numerous reports (>10) including: Governance Guidelines, Milestone Report 1 for the establishment of City Teams, and EU Periodic Report.
- Hosted international event, *EdiCitNet* City Team Meeting in Andernach, 9-10 May 2019.
- Supported establishment of representative City Teams in 10 cities, providing ensuing backstopping support for their development.
- Contributed to other work package's outcomes, including Living Labs, Master-planning, Transition Pathway Methodology, Edible City Solutions (ECS) indicators, and ECS toolbox.
- Active participant in Executive Board, Network Secretariat, and multiple project sub-groups.
- Contributed to assessment of co-design methods, including focus groups, co-creation workshops and Living Labs to instil a horizontal, participatory and inclusive governance framework.
- Established communication networks and strategies to support trans-disciplinary, multi-sectoral, cross-cultural, and socially-inclusive uptake of ECS within cities and across the Consortium;
- Demonstrated trouble-shooting skills to navigate project risks.
- Conducted research to assess project's progress using surveys, interviews and focus groups.
- Contributor for research infrastructure processes at RMIT Europe.
- Lead of research team in RMIT Europe and Australia on sustainable urban food governance.
- Developing state-of-the-art knowledge on how best to integrate ECS into policy and planning.
- Establishing connections with similar projects and networks to internationalize the network.
- Disseminating research outcomes to broad community in presentations, media, and publications;
- Developing collaborations with researchers and industry to contribute to grant writing.

- Represented EdiCitNet at numerous meetings including: Berlin Kick Off Meeting (2018); EU Cluster Meeting Nature-Based Solutions (2018); The Nature of Cities Summit (2019); World Urban Forum 10 (2020); and the Global Symposium on (Re)Connecting Urban Natures (2020)
- Lead convenor, Global Symposium on (Re)Connecting Urban Natures (2020)
- Presented WP1 outcomes at the European Commission Periodic Review, 18 June 2020.

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *SHARECITY*, 4 April 2016– 3 April 2018, Trinity College Dublin. The ERC-funded project, *SHARECITY: Assessing the practice and sustainability potential of city-based food-sharing economies*, ([sharecity.ie](http://sharecity.ie)) is a collaborative, multi-phased investigation of food sharing economies in cities and its potential to contribute to sustainable urban transitions.

- Contributed to the conceptual and analytical development of searchable online global database of food sharing in 100 cities around the world; titled ‘SHARECITY 100’.
- Contributed to collaborative co-writing of research and briefing papers.
- Conducted 6 months primary research each in Melbourne and Barcelona that included numerous qualitative interviews, site visits, netographies of sharers, and participant observation;
- As first researcher in the field, I established fieldwork processes that included: writing ethics consent form and plain language statement, interview questions, cross-cultural interviewing techniques across different languages, budget and reporting procedures;
- I also established protocol and processes for collaborative data analysis using NVIVO coding;
- Developed, managed and delivered my own project budgets within projected costs;
- Delivered lecture via skype to students at the University of North Michigan on food mapping;
- Presented research findings at international conferences: Australian Gastronomy Conference (Melbourne, 2016); AFHVS/ AFCS OxyFoodConference (Los Angeles, 2017); and the European Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production (Greece 2017).
- Co-designed and co-hosted workshop at the ERSCP, Skiathos, Greece.
- Worked with mixed media journalists to promote and disseminate research outcomes. See: *Kill Your Darlings*; *VICE TV*, *RMIT Alumni Magazine*, *The Switchers*.
- Co-authored three international journal articles (one as lead author) and Briefing Note.

**Research Fellow**, January–March 2016, *Lifetime Affordable and Tenable City Housing*, RMIT.

- Worked with Chief Investigator, Ralph Horne, and research team to review project outcomes.
- Conducted 29 qualitative interviews towards the second round of research with diverse groups of homeowners and renters across Melbourne on affordable and tenable housing.

**Mentor**, 3-19 December 2015, *Design Summit Cambodia*, Engineers Without Borders Australia

- Mentored 13 Australian engineering students in appropriate technology and human-centered design in Cambodia;
- Provided guidance on theory, practice and content during community and cultural visits and for the delivery of design and knowledge transfer;
- Facilitated sessions on ‘Communication and Cultural Sensitivity’ and ‘Learning in the Field’;
- Oversaw travel and workshop logistics, managed budgets, addressed safety and health requirements, and provided support for the overall Design Summit process.

**Teaching Fellow**, 2<sup>nd</sup> sem. 2015 for undergraduate subject, *Disaster Resilient City*, University of Melbourne.

- Teaching the key theoretical concepts of resilience, vulnerability, social capital, socio-ecological assemblage, and urban political ecology to the context of urban disasters.
- Attending to a teaching load of more than 100 students (in 5 classes) I planned classes, led discussions, marked assessment, and supported students from a range of education backgrounds to understand complex themes and theories.

**Research Assistant**, Oct. 2013–Sept. 2015, ARC Discovery Project: *The rise of ethical consumption in Australia: From the margins to the mainstream*, Centre for Applied Social Research, RMIT. Chief investigators: Tania Lewis and Kim Humphery.

- Conducting literature reviews, contributing to the research design, undertaking qualitative interviewing of ethical advocates, foundations and enterprises, and co-writing journal articles.

**Teaching Fellow**, 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2015 for the Master’s subject, *Strategies for Sustainability*, RMIT University.

- Leading group discussions to help students understand key global sustainability themes such as sustainable development, sustainable consumption, social practice theory, and climate change.

**Guest Lecturer** (twice), 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2015 for the Master’s subject, *Politics of Food*, Uni. Melb.

- Presentation: ‘A snapshot of Venezuela’s food sovereignty movement’

**Teaching Fellow**, 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2015 for the Master’s subject, *Politics of Food*, Uni. Melbourne

- Discussing politics within the global food system that included teaching theoretical frameworks for understanding dominant and alternative paradigms, practices and dynamics of the food chain

**Teaching Fellow**, 1<sup>st</sup> sem. 2013 for the course, *Foundations of Social Research*, RMIT, Melbourne.

- Teaching key concepts in the social sciences to students, including a range of qualitative and quantitative data collection and analysis methods.

**Assessor**, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2012 for the undergraduate course, *Anthropology of Food*, ANU, Canberra.

- Accessing and providing feedback to students on how anthropologists explore food and eating in a variety of ethnographic contexts and through a multiplicity of theoretical lenses.

**Research Officer**, January–August 2011, Project: *Participatory mapping to promote urban resilience*, Urban Research Centre, University of Western Sydney (UWS)

- Supported international designer Christian Nold’s visit to Australia and contributed to team outcomes that included mapping UWS student travel using new media technologies and working with Parramatta City Council to map current and potential food security and social enterprises.

**Research Officer**, 2009–2011, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, ANU.

- Worked in cross-disciplinary research teams to conduct and publish numerous research projects.
- Topics included the role of amateur and commercial beekeeping for biodiversity resilience in cities; heatwaves and health; the impacts of climate change on the food system and population health; and the state of agriculture and urbanisation in the Sydney Basin.
- These projects contributed research to the Australian scientific bodies: CSIRO ‘Urbanism, Climate Adaptation and Health’ program and the *National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility* ‘Human Health’ program.

**External Assessor**, 2008 and 2009, Community Services Grants on categories of environment and disability, City of Melbourne, Melbourne

**Lecturer**, 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2008, for the undergraduate course, *Meals in Metropolis*, RMIT University

- Wrote and taught a university elective that explored urban agriculture models and sustainability for Industrial Design and Landscape Architecture students.

**Sustainable Cities Research Officer**, 2007–2009, Victorian Eco-Innovation Lab, University Melb.

- Participated in workshops with designers, academics, industry and government representatives, environmental and community groups, to design visions of sustainable cities.
- Designed and hosted the *Sustainable Cities Round Tables*, events that showcased urban sustainability initiatives and networked people across government, academic, business and

community sectors. Ten Round Tables were held featuring 99 presenters establishing a network of over 800 sustainability practitioners across Victoria.

- The Round Tables had an innovative design – speakers presented for 3 minutes to 3 slides, with a musician (on stage) gradually get louder as the presentation was due to end. Workshops followed that were designed to unite different stakeholders in the audience to co-design sustainable cities solutions, followed by ‘green’ drinks complemented by exhibitions of ecologically-theme art. ([www.sustainablemelbourne.com/category/sustainable-cities-round-tables/](http://www.sustainablemelbourne.com/category/sustainable-cities-round-tables/))
- Designed and moderated the blogs, *SustainableMelbourne.com* and *SustainableCitiesNet.com* to showcase urban sustainability initiatives, events, research, and policies.
- Established an *Online Food Map* to reveal sites of urban agriculture across Melbourne.
- The Round Tables and blogs were internationally recognised at the *World Knowledge Forum*, Seoul (2008) where I was asked to host a session on ‘Sustainable cities and human life’

**Research Assistant**, 2006, *Urbanisation Issues in the Developing World*, RMIT University.

- Compiled and wrote sections of the postgraduate subject materials.

**Technical Assistant**, *Sustainability Street*, 2006–2007, Victoria University, Dr Colin Hocking.

- Conducted qualitative and quantitative evaluation of the community environmental program.

**Festival and Calendar Coordinator**, 2005–2006, Sustainable Living Foundation, Melbourne.

- Led a team of 15 volunteers to program 28 events including large forums, talks and workshops on two stages at the Sustainable Living Festival.
- In 2005 and 2006 I also conceptualised and ran the *Environmental and Social Justice Showcases* to encourage school children to participate in justice issues.
- Managed and extended outreach of the online, national, Sustainability Calendar to further engage with stakeholders, develop the Calendar’s database and establish media liaisons, including publicising events and issues on two radio stations and in local newspapers.

**Research Assistant**, 2004–2007, ARC Discovery project, *Anti-consumerism in the Contemporary West*, RMIT University. Chief Investigator Associate Professor Kim Humphery.

- Established the *Consumption Research Network* to promote networking between researchers and performed research duties for *Anti-consumerism in the Contemporary West*.
- Conducted qualitative interviews with activists and performed media and literature research.

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Citations 416 / H-Index 8 (*Google Scholar*)

## MONOGRAPHS

**Edwards, F.** (*under contract*) *Bees and the City: Multispecies Encounters and Sustainable Urban Futures*. Critical Food series. Abingdon: Routledge.

**Edwards, F.** (*under contract*) *Global Food Resistances: Journeying through Alternative Food Economies*. Basingstoke, UK: Palgrave MacMillan.

## EDITED VOLUMES

**Edwards, F.**, Gerritsen, R. & Wesser, G. (*forthcoming, 2021*) *Food, the Senses and the City*. Abingdon: Routledge.

Nelson, A. & **Edwards, F.** (*forthcoming, 2021*) *Food for Degrowth: Perspectives and Practices*. Abingdon: Routledge.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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**Edwards, F.** (*under review*) Overcoming social stigma by consuming food waste at the Open Table, *Agriculture and Human Values*.

**Edwards, F.** & Davies, A. (2018) Connective Consumptions: Mapping Melbourne's Food Sharing Ecosystem, *Urban Policy and Research*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/08111146.2018.1476231>

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**Edwards, F.** (2011) Small, Slow and Shared: Emerging Social Innovations in Urban Australian Foodscapes, *Australian Humanities Review*, November: 115–134. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.22459/AHR.51.2011.08>

**Edwards, F.**, Dixon, J., Friel, S., Hall, G., Larsen, K., Lockie, S., Wood, B., Lawrence, M., Hanigan, I., Hogan, A. & Hattersley, L. (2011) Climate change adaptation at the intersection of food and health, *Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health*, March, 23: 91S–104S. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1010539510392361>

**Edwards, F.** (2010) Food Sovereignty and Social Change in Venezuela, *Chain Reaction*, 109, July: 21–23.

**Edwards, F.** & Mercer, D. (2010) Meals in Metropolis: Mapping the urban foodscape, *Local Environment*, 15(2), February: 153–168. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13549830903527662>

**Edwards, F.** & D. Mercer (2007) Gleaning from Gluttony: an Australian youth subculture confronts the ethics of waste, *Australian Geographer*, 38(3), November: 279–296. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00049180701639174>

**Edwards, F.** (2006) Dumpster dining: Freegans consume waste food to protest consumer waste, *Alternatives Journal*, July, 32(3): 28–29.

## SCHOLARLY BOOK CHAPTERS

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**Edwards, F.** (*forthcoming*) ‘Chapter 4: Humming along: Heightening the senses between urban honeybees and humans’ in Edwards, F., Gerritsen, R. & Wesser, G. (eds.) *Food, the Senses and the City*. Abingdon: Routledge.

**Edwards, F.** (*forthcoming*) ‘Chapter 16: Future directions for food, the senses and the city’ in Edwards, F., Gerritsen, R. & Wesser, G. (eds.) *Food, the Senses and the City*. Abingdon: Routledge.

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**Edwards, F.** & Nelson, A. (*forthcoming*) ‘Chapter 17: Future research directions: Food for degrowth’ in Nelson, A. & Edwards, F. *Food for Degrowth: Perspectives and Practices*. Abingdon: Routledge.

**Edwards, F.**, Dixon, J. & Beilin, R. (2018) Adopting a public health ecology approach to a key food security issue: apiary, bio-diversity and conservation. In Marsden, T. (ed) *The SAGE Handbook of Nature*. May, Pp. 1075-1089. London: SAGE Publications.

**Edwards, F.** (2016 [2<sup>nd</sup> edition]) ‘Venezuelan Food Sovereignty Movement’ in Thompson, P. & D. Kaplan (eds.) *Encyclopaedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics*. New York, Heidelberg, Dordrecht, London: Springer. DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-6167-4\\_514-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-94-007-6167-4_514-1)

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**Edwards, F.** (2016) Urban food security and alternative economic practices. In Horne, R., Fien, J., Beza, B. & Nelson, A. *Sustainability Citizenship and Cities: Theory and Practice*. London: Routledge. Pp.40-50.

**Edwards, F.** (2015) ‘Free-ing foods? Social food economies towards food security, sustainability and social change, in Swilling, M., Allen, A., & Lampis, A. (eds.) *Untamed Urbanisms: Practices and narratives on socio-environmental change for urban sustainability*. London: Routledge. Pp. 284-295.

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**Edwards, F.** & Mercer, D. (2013) 'Food waste in Australia: The freegan response', in Evans, D., Campbell, H. & Murcott, A. (eds.), *Putting Waste on the Food Studies Agenda: Production, Politics and Everyday Life*. London: Wiley-Blackwell. Pp.174–191.

**Edwards, F.** & Mercer, D. (2011) 'Gleaning from Gluttony' (reprint), in Williams-Forsion, P. & Counihan, C. (eds.) *Taking Food Public: Redefining foodways in a changing world*. London: Routledge. Pp. 195–210.

**Edwards, F.** (2010) Seed industry, in Mulvaney, D. (ed.) *Green Food: An A-Z Guide*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE. Pp. 388–392.

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Kroeger, I., el Massoudi, M., van den Berge, K., Hansma, H., Degenhardt, S., Gallis, H., Martinez, L., Mandersheid, M., Comas, J., Fjellstad, W., **Edwards, F.**, Säumel, I., Wachtel, T. & Reddy, S. (2019) *Deliverable D1.5: Annual Conference Report*, Edible Cities Network – Integrating Edible City Solutions for social, resilient and sustainably productive Cities, Grant Agreement 776665, RMIT Europe, Barcelona, November.

Pachova, N., **Edwards, F.**, Kröger, I., Säumel, I., Reddy, S. & Wachtel, T. (2019) *Deliverable D1.4: Institutional Context Summary Sheet*, Edible Cities Network – Integrating Edible City Solutions for social, resilient and sustainably productive Cities, Grant Agreement 776665, RMIT Europe, Barcelona, 30/8/2019.

Säumel, I., Wachtel, T., Reddy, S., **Edwards, F.**, Pachova, N. & Kröger, I. (2019) *D1.3 International Network Established*, Edible Cities Network – Integrating Edible City Solutions for social, resilient and sustainably productive Cities, Grant Agreement 776665, RMIT Europe, Barcelona, May.

**Edwards, F.**, Pachova, N., Kosack, L., Kroeger, I., Säumel, I., Wachtel, T. & Reddy, S. (2019) *Deliverable D1.2 – Local Working Groups Established*, Edible Cities Network – Integrating Edible City Solutions for social, resilient and sustainably productive Cities, Grant Agreement 776665, RMIT Europe, Barcelona, 31/3/2019.

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**Edwards, F.**, Pachova, N., Reddy, S., Wachtel, T. & Säumel, I. (2019) *Milestone 1: First Official Meetings of EdiCitNet City Teams*, Edible Cities Network – Integrating Edible City Solutions for social, resilient and sustainably productive Cities, Grant Agreement: 776665, RMIT Europe, Barcelona, March.

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**Edwards, F.** (2019) 'Melbourne – Food Sharing in Melbourne', In (eds.) Davies, A. & Franck, V. (2019) *SHARECITY BITES: Food Sharing Stories from the SHARECITY Project*, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, March. Available at: <https://sharecity.ie/outputs/publications/>.

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**Edwards, F.**, Dixon, J., Friel, S. & Hall, G. *et al.* (2011) *Food Systems, Climate Change Adaptation and Human Health in Australia*, Discussion Paper Series, National Adaptation Research Network, National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility, Available at: [www.climatehealthresearch.org/node/155](http://www.climatehealthresearch.org/node/155).

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## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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**Edwards, F.** (2008) 'Edible Medicines: An Ethnopharmacology of Food' by Nina L. Etkin, *Gastronomica*, 8(4), Fall.

## **CONFERENCE PANELS, PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES**

2020—'Food Sharing Ethnographies in Barcelona', *SHARECITY 2020 Virtual Conference*, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, September.

2020—Co-convenor, 'Mapping the Edible City', *Royal Anthropological Institute*, September.

2020—Lead convenor, (Re)Connecting Urban 'Natures', An interdisciplinary symposium on transforming human-nature relations in cities, 23-26th February, 2020 RMIT Europe, Barcelona

2020—Co-organiser, Green Infrastructures and Nature-based Solutions Seminar, RMIT Europe, Barcelona, 24 February

2020—Host, (Re)Connecting Urban 'Natures' Writing Retreat, RMIT Australia, 26 Feb - 1 March, Llanca, Spain.

2019—Co-convenor, ‘The essential role of food in sustaining cities’ workshop, *Why the World Needs Anthropologists – Sustaining Cities* (WWNA), Oslo, 24-27<sup>th</sup> October.

2019—Presenter, ‘Building synergies across the SDGs: waste, food and sustainable cities’ panel with Javier Cortez, UN Global Compact–Cities programme, and Dr Nguyen Anh Thu, RMIT Vietnam, European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC), Barcelona, 16<sup>th</sup> October. (<https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/allevnts/special-events/2019/october/panel-discussion---building-synergies-across-the-sdgs--waste--fo>)

2019—Presenter, *Overcoming Stigma by Consuming Waste at the Open Table*, How to Make a Just Food Future: Alternative foodways for a changing world, University of Sheffield, UK, 9 July.

2019—Presenter, *Sharing as Resistance: Autonomous food spaces in Barcelona*, How to Make a Just Food Future: Alternative foodways for a changing world, University of Sheffield, UK, 8 July.

2019—Guest lecturer, *Food for Degrowth*, Degrowth Summer School, ICTA, Cerbere, 2 July.

2019—Co-convenor, UrbAn Network, European Assoc. of Social Anthropologists Working Group.

2019—Co-convenor with Amy Hahs and Yun Hye Hwang, *Wild, stray and care: Exploring multiple ways people co-exist with urban nature workshop*, The Nature of the City Summit, 4-7 June, Paris.

2019—Presenter, *EdiCitNet: Integrating Edible City Solutions for social resilient and sustainably productive cities*, The Nature of the City Summit, 4-7 June, Paris.

2019—Co-convenor with Roos Gerritsen and Grit Wesser of 2 panels and 1 workshop; *Tracking changes in the city through food and the senses*, 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, Santiago de Compostela, Spain 14-17/04/19.

2019—Presenter ‘Humming Together: Heightened Proximities between Honeybees and Humans in the City’; *Tracking changes in the city through food and the senses*, 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society for Ethnology and Folklore, Santiago de Compostela, Spain 14-17/04/19.

2018—Presenter *Chapter 4* as co-editor and author of ‘Untaming the Urban’ and hosted session, 2<sup>nd</sup> Symposium of Untaming the Urban, Fenner School, Australian National University.

2018—Co-convenor with Roos Gerritsen and Grit Wesser, *Food, city and the senses*, 15<sup>th</sup> biennial European Assoc. of Social Anthropologists conference, Stockholm University, 14-17/08/18.

2018—*Overcoming Stigma by Consuming Waste at the Open Table*, Urban Theory Symposium: Cities of Care, University of Melbourne, 14-15/06/18.

2018—*Designing in Harmonious Proximities Between Humans and Honeybees in the City*, Design and Environment: An intensive, interdisciplinary and output-oriented workshop, University of Leeds, 28<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March.

2017—*Exploring Food Sharing through an Urban Ecosystem Frame*, European Roundtable of Sustainable Consumption and Production, Skiathos, Greece, 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October.

2017—Connective Consumptions: Ecosystems of food sharing activities in Melbourne, Australia, for: *Urban Policy & Research Special Issue: Disruptive Urbanism? Implications of the ‘Sharing Economy’ for Cities, Regions, and Urban Policy*, University of Sydney, 27<sup>th</sup> June.

2017—Connective Consumptions: Mapping Contemporary Food Sharing Activities in Melbourne, Australia, Agriculture, for *Food and Human Values Society and the Association of Food, Culture and Society Annual Meeting and Conference: Migrating Food Cultures: Engaging Pacific Perspectives on Food and Agriculture*, Occidental College, Los Angeles, 14-17 June.

2017—*Negociando conflictos y apicultura urbana Presentation and Workshop*, Collserola Interaction Point (PIC), Can Masdeu, Barcelona, 7<sup>th</sup> May.

2016—The Urban Beehive: Beekeeping and Sustainable Cities, *Untaming the Urban Symposium: From post-anthropocentric design to urban ecologies*, Australian National University, Canberra, 8-9 December.

2016—I-Food Sharing: Creating Transformative Pathways for Utopian Urban Gastronomy? *Symposium of Australian Gastronomy*, University of Melbourne, 2-5 December.

2016—*Mapping Food Sharing in Melbourne*, Department of Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences, Northern Michigan University, USA, October.

2016—Assessing the practice and sustainability potential of city-based food sharing economies, *The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Macro-Marketing Conference*, Trinity College Dublin, 13-15<sup>th</sup> July.

2015—Hecho en Socialismo: Moral economies of food in Venezuela, *Moral Horizons*, Australian Anthropology Society Conference, Melbourne, 2 – 5 December.

2015—Summary, ISSC Quito WSS Fellows Program, *Transitions in Urban Environments*, World Social Science Forum, ‘Transforming Global Relations for a Just World’, Durban, 13-16 Sept.

2015—*The urban beehive: Applying the framework of urban metabolism to city bees and sustainable cities*, Institute of Australian Geographers Conference, 1-3 July, Canberra.

2013—*An ethnographic exploration into the reality of Venezuela’s food sovereignty movement*, Agri-Food Conference, Melbourne.

2013—*Between desire and reality: An ethnographic investigation into Venezuela's food sovereignty movement*, Australian Anthropological Society, 6–8 November, ANU, Canberra.

2013—*The Human of the Hive - Negotiating human & honeybee towards the productive city*, XIX Internat. Conference of the Society for Human Ecology with Sustainability Science in Asia, ANU.

2011—*Mapping informal food economies*, Mapping Ecologies of Place workshop, UWS.

2010—*The significance of informal food economies*, Agri-Food Conference, Gippsland.

2009—*Food sovereignty in Venezuela*, From Paddock to Plate Conference, FoE, Adelaide.

2008—Chair & presenter, *Sustainable city & human life*, World Knowledge Forum, Seoul.

2008—*Mapping Meals in Metropolis*, Agri-Food Research Conference, University of Sydney.

2007—*The Sustainable Cities project and VEIL*, O2 Australia Network, Melbourne.

2007—Chair, *Renewable Energy & Regional Australia: Creating Local Economic Development Opportunities*, La Trobe University, Bendigo.

2007—*Gleaning from Gluttony: Contesting Acceptability through Alternative Consumption Practices*, Agri-Food Conference, University of Queensland, Brisbane.

2007—*Tasting Taboo: A Subculture's Consumption of Food Waste as Political Statement*, 32nd Annual Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa, New Zealand.

2007—*Food Rescue Activities*, Australian City Farms & Community Gardens Nat. Conference.

2006—*Gleaning from gluttony: alternative consumption practices as political acts in the city*, *The Contemporary Australian City: New Ethnographic and Narrative Accounts of Life in Australian Cities*, University of Melbourne.

2006—*The ethics of qualitative research*, Public Lectures on Research, RMIT University.

## **FUNDING EXPERIENCE**

2020—Applicant on reserve list for SUAVE, Coordination and Support Actions grant

2020—Awarded funding from Center for Urban Research (CUR) to attend World Urban Forum 10.

2019—Awarded CUR Development Fund with ‘People, Nature, Place’ and the ‘Critical Urban Governance’ research programs to host: (Re)Connecting Urban ‘Natures’, An interdisciplinary symposium on transforming human-nature relations in cities, 23-26th February, 2020 RMIT Europe, Barcelona

2018-2020—Contributor to numerous international research grants. In Europe: >5 EU H2020 CSA and IA grants at RMIT Europe. In Australia: 2x ARC Linkage grants with RMIT Australia.

2018—Advisor and editor for H2020 proposal, stage 1: ‘Making European beekeeping healthy and sustainable’ with 8 European Partners based at la Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Barcelona.

2017—Contributed to grant writing for H2020 IA *EdiCitNet*, awarded 11.5 million euros.

2011— Awarded National Centre for Epidemiology College Funding for fieldwork, ANU.

2010— Awarded travel bursary: ‘The scientist, the cook and the grower conference’, Uni. SA.

2010—Received Australian Postgraduate Award, Australian National University.

2010—Awarded NCEPH PhD top-up scholarship, Australian National University.

2008—Secured Sponsorship from VicUrban for Sustainable Cities Round Tables, Uni. Melb.

## **OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

2020—Member of International Advisory Group, ‘A Living Review and Policy Support for UK Food System Covid 19 Recovery, led by Dr. Christian Reynolds, Sheffield University, UK

2020—Member of Doctoral Advisory Board for Maximilian Manderscheid, ‘Edible City Solutions as Participatory Instrument for Solving Social Challenges in Urban Areas, BOKU, Vienna, Austria

2020—Reviewer for *Cities* journal

2019—2<sup>nd</sup> place in EIT Food Challenge Lab Hackathon - Circular Food Economy, Valencia, Oct.

2019—Interviewed for ‘Edible cities, food-sharing initiatives: How to tackle global obesity and hunger’, SBS Australia, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Available: <https://www.sbs.com.au/food/article/2019/10/16/edible-cities-food-sharing-initiatives-how-tackle-global-obesity-and-hunger>

2019—With Amy Hahs and Yun Hye Hwang, hosted ‘WILD STRAY CARE: Exploring multiple ways people co-exist with urban nature, Outcomes of a TNOC Seed Session, Paris, 4th June 2019, *The Nature of Cities (TNOC) blog*.

2019—Invited guest, *Sharing Futures Workshop*, 26-27<sup>th</sup> September, ERC SHARECITY project, Trinity College Dublin.

2019—Founding member of the Urban Anthropology Working Group, European Association for Social Anthropologists

2019—Profiled in ‘A sustainable future is in our hands’, *RMIT University News*. Available at: <https://www.rmit.edu.au/news/all-news/2019/march/sustainable-future>.

2018—Represented EdiCitNet at the EU Cluster Meeting H2020 SCC-02-2017 “Nature-Based Solutions for inclusive urban regeneration”, 11<sup>th</sup> October. Brussels.

2018—Contributor, Sharing is Caring, *Shadows* magazine. Available at: <http://www.melbourneshadows.com.au/4/dining-inn/>

2018—Graduate, *Prince2 Foundation Project Management Course*, Imparando LC, London.

2018—Radio interviews to discuss *The Conversation* article on food sharing in Melbourne:

- City Limits, 3CR (27/06/18);
- Saturday Afternoon national digital program with Mandy McCracken (23/06/18);
- ABC Radio Melbourne with Hilary Harper (23/06/18);
- Solidarity Breakfast, 3CR (16/06/18);
- The Grapevine, 3RRR, (04/06/18).

2018—Cited in ‘Australia leads the world for food-sharing opportunities’, *SBS*, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Available: <https://www.sbs.com.au/food/article/2018/06/06/australia-leads-world-food-sharing-opportunities>.

2018—With Anna Davies, published: ‘Food sharing with a 21st-century twist – and Melbourne’s a world leader’, *The Conversation*, 29<sup>th</sup> May. Available at: <https://theconversation.com/food-sharing-with-a-21st-century-twist-and-melbournes-a-world-leader-96106>.

2017—Auditor, Political Ecology, Master’s course, la Universidad de Autonoma Barcelona

2016—Continuing Intermediate Spanish language.

2015—First Aid Certificate (November)

2015—Police Check (November)

2015—Expert consultant, ‘In Excess’ Documentary. Producer, Stone May. Swinburne University.

2015—Book reviewer for *Gastronomica*, *Policy Futures in Education*, and more.

2011—Contributor; *Food-sensitive planning and urban design*, National Heart Foundation of Australia, Melbourne.

2011—Reviewer, *Agriculture and Human Values*.

2013—External examiner for Sociology thesis, Tallinn University, Estonia.

2013—Expert advisor for PhD examination panel for Industrial Design thesis, RMIT Melbourne.

2010—Organised and hosted with William Camacaro the Study Tour to Venezuela: ‘Food Sovereignty, Social Movements and Social Change’, Bolivarian Circle of Venezuela, New York.

2009—Co-edited book of poetry: *A Miniature Mosaic* by Gavin Moore. Vilcabamba: Ecuador.

2009—Participant in the Delegation to Venezuela to study social and political transformation, including food sovereignty, education, health, and direct citizen participation.

2007—Graduate, *Going Further* sustainability leadership program.

2006—Graduate, *Future Environmental Leaders Program*, Monash University.  
2006—Member, *Strategy Collective Board*, Sustainable Living Foundation.  
2006—Member, *Real Food Campaign*, Friends of the Earth Melbourne.  
2006—Radio producer, journalist and regular events segment, *The Hour of Eco Power* radio show, SYN 90.7 FM and *What a Wonderful World* radio show, 3WBC Community Radio 94.1 FM.  
2006, Co-convenor, *Westgarth Sustainability Street Group*.  
2005—2006, Community Rep., *Darebin Environmental Reference Group*, Darebin City Council.  
2005—Graduate, Seed Saving & Prep. for Working in Com. Projects, Seed Savers' Network.  
2003—Graduate, *Permaculture Design Certificate*, Edendale Farm, Eltham.  
1996—Participant, *Raleigh International Expedition*, Patagonia, Chile.  
From 1994—Travelled, worked or studied internationally in Central, South and North America; Central and Southern Africa; United States of America and Canada; New Zealand; Western and Eastern Europe; Great Britain and Ireland; Cambodia, Laos and South Korea.

### **PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS**

*Applied Anthropology Network, WWNA, The Nature of Cities, People, Natures, Place: Caring for and with urban natures, RMIT; EdiCitNet, European Commission Nature-Based Solutions Cluster; SIEF; European Association of Social Anthropologists; Agriculture Food & Human Values Society; Australia New Zealand Agrifood Research Network; Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance; Centre for Sustainability Leadership; Community Economies Research Network; Food Climate Research Network; Street Food Global; World Social Science Fellows; Trans-Urban Knowledge Network; Untaming the Urban, Australian National University.*

### **COMPUTER AND DATA MANAGEMENT SKILLS**

NVIVO, Microsoft Word and Excel, Blackboard Learning Management System, Trello, Dropbox, CMT, SharePoint.

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