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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University, expected 2024

Thesis: Sensing the *Mahjar*: Mobility and Belonging in Diasporic Palestinian Foodways

Committee: Héctor Carrillo (chair), Claudio Benzecry, Gary Fine, Wendy Griswold, Krishnendu Ray

Certificate, Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Northwestern University, 2019

M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University, 2019

B.A., with Honors, Sociology, Macalester College, 2017

Concentration: Middle Eastern Studies and Islamic Civilizations

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. and Brockway, E. (2023). [Making and Breaking Bread: The Promises and Pitfalls of Migration Discourse in Food Tour Television](#). *Food, Culture, and Society*, online first.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E., DeSoucey, M., and Fine, G.A. (2022). [Convivial Quarantines: Cultivating Co-presence at a Distance](#). Special issue of *Qualitative Sociology*, 45(3), 371-392.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (2021). [Migration and the Senses](#). *Sociology Compass*, 15(3), 1-16.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (2019). [Sumud and Food: Remembering Palestine through Cuisine in Chile](#). Special issue of *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East and North African Migration Studies*, 6(2), 100-131.

Book Chapters

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (Accepted). Sensory Authenticity: Embodied Strategies for Commodifying “the Other.” In Jackie Hogan, Fae Chubin, and Sarah Whetstone (eds), *Consuming Bodies: Body Commodification and Embodiment in Late Capitalist Societies*.

Miller, M., Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E., and Busse-Cárdenas, E. (2020). [Families and Migration in the 21st Century](#). In Tanja Bastia and Ronald Skeldon (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Migration and Development*, 191-200. Routledge: London.

Review Articles and Other Publications

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (2023). Book Review “Moving Memory: Remembering Palestine in Postdictatorship Chile” by Siri Schwabe. *Memory studies*, in progress.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (2021). [Book Review “Disruptive Situations: Fractal Orientalism and Queer](#)

[Strategies in Beirut](#)” by Ghassan Moussawi. *Gender and Society*, 36(2), 289-291.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (2021). [Book Review “Kids at Work: Latinx Families Selling Food on the Streets of Los Angeles”](#) by Emir Estrada. *Latino Studies*, 19(1), 137-139.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (2021). [A Place at the Table](#). *Ethnographic Marginalia: Dispatches from the Field category*.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (2019). [Article Review “Scents and Sensibility”](#) by Karen Cerulo. *Newsletter of the ASA Culture Section*, 31(2), 32-33.

Works in Progress

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (Under review). Keeping in Touch: Exchanging Food Parcels in a Pandemic. *The Senses and Society*.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (In preparation). Culinary mutualism: The creative work of ingredient distributors. *Ethnicity and Migration Studies*.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. (In preparation). A Global Palate for Palestine: How to Make a Diasporic Cuisine. *Journal of Palestine Studies*.

Bascuñan-Wiley, N. E. and Jungsuk Howard, M. (In preparation). Illegible Multiculturalisms: Making and Digesting Empanadas and Doenjang-jjigae. *Perspectives: Studies in Translation Theory and Practice*.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Sociology Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2022

Dissertation Research Travel Award, Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, 2022 (\$4,000)

Middle Eastern and North African Studies Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2021(\$500)

MacArthur Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2020 (\$1,000)

Invitation to Ethnography Summer School, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020 (Cancelled due to Covid-19)

Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer, 2019-2020

Summer Language Grant, The Graduate School at Northwestern, 2019 (\$2,000)

Robert F. Winch Award for Best Published Paper, 2018-2019

Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, 2018-2019

Sociology Department Alumni Fund Grant, Northwestern University, 2018 (\$600)

Mellon Cluster fellow in Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Northwestern University, 2017

Berry-Rinder-Swain Award for Academic Excellence in Sociology, Macalester College, 2017

Alpha Kappa Delta, Gamma of Minnesota, Macalester College, 2017

Macalester College President’s Research Fund, Macalester College, 2016 (\$500)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE *(Evaluations available upon request)*

Instructor of Record

Between the Middle East and the Americas (Middle Eastern and North African Studies 300) Northwestern University, Winter 2024 (scheduled)

Global Foodways (International Studies 395). Northwestern University, Fall and Spring 2020-2021

Food and Immigration (Sociology 392 /Environmental Policy and Culture 390, cross-listed). Northwestern University, Winter 2020

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Sociological Analysis. Northwestern University, Spring 2020

Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Power. Northwestern University, Fall 2019

Field Research and Methods of Data Collection. Northwestern University, Spring 2019

The Family and Social Learning. Northwestern University, Winter 2019

Food, Politics, and Society. Northwestern University, Fall 2018

Introduction to Sociology. Northwestern University, Spring 2018 (included weekly discussion section)

Teaching Training and Service

Sociology Teaching Committee (member), Northwestern University, 2020-2021

Practicum in Foundations of Online Teaching, Northwestern University, 2020

Searle Center Teaching Certificate Program, Northwestern University, 2019-2020

Graduates Mentoring Undergraduates Program (chair), Northwestern University, 2017-2020

Seminar on College Teaching, Northwestern University, 2018

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

Panel on Digital Ethnography. *Digital Ethnography Working Group* (online) at Rutgers University, NJ, September 2022.

Ethnographic Observation and Sensory Ethnography. *Communication, Rhetoric, and Digital Media Program* (online) at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, February 2022.

La Segunda Parte de Palestina: Palestinian (Be)Longing in Chile. Yalla Ila Amrika: Formation of Arab Christian Communities in Latin America at the Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding & Center for Contemporary Arab Studies at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., October 2019.

Diasporic *Sumud*: Palestinian Food-Memory and Resistance in Chile. *The Global Encounters Lunch Series* at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, September 2019.

Patronato: A Palestinian Cosmonational Foodscape. *Migration and Incorporation Workshop* at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, January 2019.

Competitively Selected Conference Presentations

Diaspora as Sense. *American Sociological Association Annual Congress session on “The Educative Power of Sociology,”* Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.

Sensory Re-composition: Exchanging Food Parcels in a Pandemic. *North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Grand Rapids, MI, March 2023.

Sensing the Mahjar: Mobility and Belonging in Palestinian-Chilean Kitchens. *The Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies Graduate Student Conference on Borders and Boundaries* (online) at Columbia University, March 2022.

Memory as a Field Site: Making (Sense of) Empanadas and Doenjang-jjigae. *International Symposium on Autoethnography and Narrative* (online), January 2022. Presented with Matthew Jungsuk Howard.

Eating Apart Together: Online Foodways in a Time of Social Distancing. *Food Matters and Materialities: Critical Understandings of Food Cultures* (online) at Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, September 2021.

Authentic Sensation: Assembling the Biography of Comida Árabe. *American Sociological Association Annual Congress session on “Culture and Identity,”* (online) Chicago, IL, August 2021.

Redes de sensibilidad, articulaciones de sentido, y composiciones de sujetos en tres escenas de la Chilenidad globalizada. *Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress*, (online) Vancouver, Canada, May 2021. Presented with Steve Wiley and Daniel Bascuñan-Wiley.

Layered Authenticities: The commodification of Arab identity in the Chilean foodscape. *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, November 2019.

Culinary Place-Identity: Palestinian Belonging in the Chilean Foodscape. *The 34th annual Middle East History and Theory Conference on Migration, Diaspora, and Movement of Peoples* at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 2019.

From Beit Jala to Patronato: Transregional identities and Culinary Connections. *Cities of the Arab World: Theory, Investigation, Critique* at Michigan State University’s Global Urban Studies Program, East Lansing, MI, February 2019.

Sumud and Food: Remembering Palestine through Cuisine in Chile. *From “Mjaddarah” to “Fatti de Luxe:” Food and Middle Eastern Diasporas* at North Carolina State University’s Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, Raleigh, NC, April 2018.

The Palestinian Experience in Chile as a Form of Diasporic Re-Territorialization. *The 20th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference* at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 2018.

Contextualizing Palestinian Hybridity: How Pragmatic Citizenship Influences Diaspora Identities. *Midwestern Sociological Society Annual Meeting/Couch-Stone Symposium*, Milwaukee, WI, April 2017.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research Assistant to Dr. Vilna Bashi on projects related to race and migration, Northwestern Sociology Department, 2023.

Research Assistant to Dr. Michael Rodríguez-Muñoz on project related to Latinos and the census, Northwestern Sociology Department, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal article reviewer for: *Environment and Planning C (Politics and Space)*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Frontiers in Sociology*, *International Migration Review*, *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, 2021-2023

Co-president, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Northwestern University, 2019-2020

Co-chair, Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Group, Northwestern University, 2018-2020

Co-founder and organizer, Chicago Network of Immigration Scholars (Intercollegiate workgroup with Northwestern University, University of Illinois Chicago, University of Chicago, and Loyola University), 2017-2020

Co-founder and organizer, Northwestern Immigration Workgroup, Northwestern University, 2017-2020

Organizer and treasurer, Macalester Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights, Macalester College, 2016

Communications specialist, Jerusalem Fund and Palestine Center, Washington D.C., 2015

Organized Colloquia

Chicago Ethnography Conference. Lead conference organizer, Northwestern University, 2024 (In preparation).

Locating the Field: New Directions in Middle East and North African Studies, Conference organizer, Northwestern University, 2020 (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

The Ethnography Workshop, Student coordinator, Northwestern University, 2019-2020.

The 21st Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Abstract committee member and volunteer, Northwestern University, 2019.

Macalester Colloquium on Palestine, Conference organizer, Macalester College, 2016.

Gaza Today and Tomorrow, Jerusalem Fund and Palestine Center Lecture Series, Conference organizer, 2015.

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Levantine Dialect): intermediate proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing

Spanish: native-level proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing

English: native-level proficiency in speaking, reading, and writing

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Midwest Sociological Society

Middle East Studies Association

Latin American Studies Association

Chicago Network of Immigration Scholars

Buffet Institute for Global Studies

REFERENCES

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