

K E R R I L a C H A R I T E
Associate Professor, Nutrition and Food Studies
College of Public Health
George Mason University

Education

Ph.D.	Sustainability Education, Prescott College, 2014
B.A.	Theatre Arts, University of New Hampshire, with honors, 1999 Studio Art, University of New Hampshire

Professional Experience

Associate Professor	George Mason University, 2022- current
Assistant Professor	George Mason University, 2016- 2022 Teach undergraduate and graduate level courses in nutrition and food studies Advise students, and supervise individual directed studies Participate in departmental, college and university committees, including serving on Faculty Senate, Nutrition and Food Studies Academic Program Review 2019, and chairing College of Public Health Faculty Council 2018-2020
Adjunct Instructor	Boston University, 2014 Taught Urban Agriculture
Produce Specialist	Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, 2011-2012 Increased produce acquisition & distribution Responsible for securing produce donations from local farms, local and national wholesale distributors, Feeding America, & community gardens Directed volunteer gleaning program
Instructor	Chatham University, 2009-2011 Taught Environmental Studies and Food Studies courses
Garden Manager	Chatham University, 2009-2011 Managed campus organic gardens, greenhouse, & beehives Ran CSA Work & Pick sessions with students & staff Ran weekly farm stand in fall Provided food to catering service for special events
Program Director	Chatham University, 2004-2011 Designed Theatre curriculum and assessment Hired adjunct instructors and managed budget Taught Theatre Design courses

Technical Director Chatham University, 2003-2011
Designed and constructed theatre scenery with students

Teaching Related Grants

4VA Grant at UVA, Virginia Food System Leadership Institute, 2019, \$13,161

4VA at GMU, Virginia Food System Leadership Institute, 2019, \$5,000

Curriculum Impact Grant, Nutrition Dietetics Track Expansion, 2019, \$34,600.00

Curriculum Impact Grant, Virginia Food System Leadership Institute, 2017, \$8,000

Publications

LaCharite, K. (2021). Growing a Culture of Sustainability: Urban Agriculture Experiences and Undergraduate Student Perceptions and Behaviors. In L.T. Esters, A. Patchen, I. DeCoito, N. Knobloch (Eds.), *Research Approaches in Urban Agriculture and Community Contexts* (pp. 143-164). Cham, Switzerland: Springer.

Gallo, S., Jones, M. T., Doig, A. C., Kogan, K., Fields, J., Wonderlich, J. A., Hansen, A., **LaCharite, K.**, & Mehlenbeck, R. (2020). Feasibility of a multidisciplinary and culturally adapted pediatric weight management program for Latino families: Results from the Vidas Activas y Familias Saludables Pilot Study. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 52(1), 55-63.

LaCharite, K. (2016). Pedagogical Objectives of Campus Agriculture Initiatives in Higher Education. *Agriculture and Human Values*, 33(3), 521-535.

Presentations

Conference Panels Organized

Teaching Kitchens: Challenges and Lesson Learned in their Creation, Management, and Operation, Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Virtual, June 9-15, 2021

Conference Papers Presented

LaCharite, K. (2023) *Acknowledging Other Perspectives: A Constructive-Developmental Study of the Food Systems Curriculum*. Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Boston, MA

LaCharite, K. & Johnson, J. (2022). *Cooking online? Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes from In-person and At-home Cooking Labs*. Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Atlanta, GA

LaCharite, K. & Wingfield, A. (2021). *Food Systems Curriculum: The Feasibility of Delivering on Both University Food System Reform and Student Learning.* Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Virtual

LaCharite, K. & Fisher-Maltese, C. (2019). *“Why They Love Capital City”: The Role of Personal, Community, and Environmental Connections in Forming a Sense of Place in Washington, D.C. School Gardens.* Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Anchorage, AK

Wingfield, A. & **LaCharite, K. (2019).** *Virginia Food Systems Leadership Institute: A Curricular Vehicle for University Food System Reform.* American Association of Geographers, Washington D.C.

LaCharite, K. (2016). *Urban Agriculture: An Untapped Context for STEM Learning.* NARST, Baltimore, MD

LaCharite, K. & Whitney, M. (2016). *Mapping Environmental Views: The Influence of Institutional Discourse on Undergraduate Students Environmental Beliefs at Campus Farms.* Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA

LaCharite, K. (2016). *Lessons from Nonhuman Farmers: Problems in Perceiving Agriculture as Separate from Nature.* Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Toronto, Canada

LaCharite, K. (2015). *Educating Environmental Beliefs: Campus Agriculture Projects in Higher Education.* Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Pittsburgh, PA

LaCharite, K. (2014). *Seeding Sustainability: Effects of Campus Farms and Gardens on Student Perceptions and Connection to Nature.* Association for the Study of Food and Society, Burlington, VT

LaCharite, K. (2013). *Cultivating Students: Pedagogical Objectives of Campus Farms.* Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, East Lansing, MI

LaCharite, K. (2011). *The Re-emergence of Growing: An Exploration of the Media on College Students.* Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Missoula, MT

LaCharite, K. (2010). *Fisher Price to Factual Farms: Educating Environmental Attitudes.* Association for the Study of Food & Society, Bloomington, IN

LaCharite, K. (2009). *Fisher Price to Factual Farms: Educating Environmental Attitudes*. Rural Heritage Institute at Sterling College, VT

Conference Panelist

Staying Going or Zooming? The Impact of COVID-19 on Food Studies Abroad: Good Practices and Challenges, Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Virtual, June 9, 2021

Invited Talks and Workshops

Government's Role on Food & Nutrition, John Hopkins University, 2019

Hunger and Public Action, SAIL Hunger Banquet, Nov. 14, 2019

Eating Low Carbon: Connecting Environmental Sustainability & Human Health, Sustainable Food Forum, April 13, 2018

Urban Agriculture: Feeding the Future, Fairfax Food Council Summit, May 23, 2018

Eating Low Carbon: Connecting Environmental Sustainability & Human Health, GMU Advancement & Alumni Relations Staff Retreat, July 24, 2018

Food Miles & Human Health, CHHS Alumni Farm-to-Table, Oct. 14, 2016

Addressing Nutrition in a Vegan Diet, GMU Vegan Society, April 25, 2017

Wild Edibles, Carnegie Mellon University, 2009

Classes Taught

George Mason University	Graduate Program and Undergraduate Minor in Nutrition Food and Culture, Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 Urban Agriculture, Fall 2016, 2017 Fundamentals of Cooking, Fall & Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 Taste & Place, Fall 2017, 2018, Spring 2020, 2021, 2022 Food Systems, Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, Summer 2017 Introduction to Wine and Beer, Spring 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
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Introduction to Nutrition Fall 2019, 2020, Summer 2020, 2022, 2023
 Perspectives in Food Security Fall 2019, 2021, 2023
 Virginia Food Systems Leadership Institute, Summer 2018, 2021

Boston University Graduate Program in Gastronomy
 Urban Agriculture, Summer 2014

Chatham University Graduate Program in Food Studies
 Growing Sustainably, Fall 2010
 Growing Sustainably Lab, Spring 2011

Chatham University Undergraduate Women's College
 Organic Gardening, Spring 2009, 2010
 Organic Gardening: Spring Break, 2009, 2010, 2011
 Reaping the Harvest, Fall 2009, 2010
 Re-Calling the Wild: Environmental Art, Spring 2009
 Outdoor Leadership: Backpacking & Hiking, Spring 2008, 2009, 2011
 Scenic Design, Fall 2009
 Lighting Design, Fall 2009
 History of Drama, Spring 2009
 Scene Painting, Spring 2006, 2008
 Costume Construction, Fall 2007, Spring 2010
 Puppetry, Spring 2007
 Stage Craft, Spring 2007
 Designing for the Theatre, Fall 2004

Point Park University Undergraduate Conservatory of Performing Arts
 Scene Painting, Fall 2006, 2007
 Advanced Drawing & Painting, Fall 2008

University & College Service

Senator	George Mason Faculty Senate, GMU, 2021-current
Member	Academic Policies, Faculty Senate Committee GMU, 2021-current
Member	Shared Governance COACHE Committee, College of Public Health, GMU, 2021-2023
Chair	Faculty Council, College of Public Health, GMU, 2018-2020
Member	Faculty Council, College of Public Health, GMU, 2017-2021, 2023
Member	Academic Program Review of Nutrition & Food Studies Dept, GMU 2019

Awards

Master Teacher, Junior Faculty Award, College of Health & Human Services, GMU, 2021

Professional Skills

ServSafe Certified, 2011
 Permaculture Certified, 2012

Community Involvement

Advisory Committee Fairfax Food Council, 2018- current
 Co-Chair Food Policy Task Force, Fairfax Food Council 2023- current
 Treasurer Pittsburgh Food Policy Council, 2012
 Steering Committee Pittsburgh Food Policy Council, 2011- 2012
 Steering Committee Pennsylvania Women's Agriculture Network, 2010- 2011

Professional Affiliation

Agriculture, Food, & Human Values
 Association for the Study of Food & Society

Reviewing

Agriculture & Human Values
 Food, Culture & Society
 International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education
 Southern Medical Journal