

Gabrielle Reagan

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EDUCATION

- **Temple University:** Department of Geography, Environment, and Urban Studies, Philadelphia, PA, *expected graduation:* May 2027
 - Graduate Certificate: Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies
- **Syracuse University:** David B. Falk College of Sport & Human Dynamics, Syracuse, NY, 2022
 - Master of Science, Food Studies
- **Syracuse University:** S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse, NY, 2019
 - Bachelor of Science, Magazine Journalism & Geography Minor

RESEARCH INTERESTS

As a feminist geographer and food studies scholar, my research sits at a thorny crossroad of timely and contested areas of study including feminist theorizing on pleasure and bodies, obesity discourse, and political ecologies of health. Areas of interest include: feminist geographies; critical health and nutrition; critical fat studies; the politics food and health; food studies; and gastronomy. *Dissertation:* three articles concerning the political and societal impacts of the new pharmaceutical arms race of weight loss drugs, namely Ozempic, and how they intersect with “geographies of pleasure”. The mixed-methods work, combining qualitative interviews alongside policy and discourse analyses, asks broadly: *how and why is pleasure important—materially and politically—to individual and collective wellbeing and why is it not prioritized by those at the center of food-body-health interventions?*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Summer 2022 – Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

- **Temple University**

Philadelphia, PA

Course Instruction:

- *Digital Mapping:* lab instructor for fall and spring courses, tasked with introducing geography concepts as well and introductory GIS principles and methods.
- *Sustainable Environments:* instructor for in-person lectures as well as summer online, asynchronous sections of general education requirement for first year undergraduates.

Teaching Assistantship

- *Digital Mapping; Sustainable Environments (Geography and Urban Studies & Environmental Studies departments):* within courses listed, duties included planning and leading lectures, assisting professors in large lecture as guest speaker, facilitating recitation sessions, grading, proctoring, tutoring, and advising during office hours.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Spring & Summer 2024

- **Temple University**

Philadelphia, PA

Research Assistant

Fall 2022-Spring 2022

- **Syracuse University**

Syracuse, NY

Research Assistant

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

- **ROC United**

New York, NY

Research Assistantship

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- *Syracuse Urban Food Forest Project*: led research and analysis of regional and local foraging practices, including policy and land governance as well as supported the planning and promotion of virtual and in-person foraging events, policy meetings and community outreach through social media promotion and local publications
- *Restaurant Opportunities Center United (ROC)*: performed interviews and collated data for restaurant worker surveys as well as work with digital communications team to create online content for ROC Chapters across the US, including collaboration with Syracuse University on the One Fair Wage policy report for subminimum wage workers in upstate New York.

PUBLICATIONS

Hayes-Conroy, J., Hayes-Conroy, A., Reagan, G. (2025). *Chapter: Food and Bodies*. [Accepted, Forthcoming 2025]. Elgar Encyclopedia of Food and Society.

Reagan, G. (2024) *From Hot Dog Soup to Wine Pairing: Exploring Taste & Palate Development Through America's Latchkey Generation*. Masters Thesis.

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Reagan, G. (2025, March 24) *Geographies of Pleasure: Investigating the Political & Societal Impacts of Weight-Loss Drugs*, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Huntington Place, Detroit, MI, United States.

Reagan, G. (2025, March 13) *Geographies of Pleasure: Investigating the Political & Societal Impacts of Weight-Loss Drugs*, New York University Feast and Famine Series: Food, Nutrition and the New Weight Loss Drugs: A Multidisciplinary Exploration of the Emerging Effects of GLP-1 Drugs

Reagan, G. (2024, Nov. 1) *Geographies of Pleasure: Prioritizing Pleasure in the Food-Body-Health Nexus*, American Association of Geographers Middle States, Westchester University Westchester University, West Chester, PA, United States.

Reagan, G. (2024, June 15). *The Pleasure Principle: Embracing Pleasure Over Scarcity in (Sustainable) Food Systems* [Panelist]. “Right to Food”: Annual Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, United States.

Reagan, G. (2024, May 28 – 31). *Bodies, Health & Environment in the (Joyful) Urban Space: A Policy Intervention*[Panelist]. Drexel Sustainable Cities Conference & Energy Research Exchange, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Reagan, G. (2024, May 24 – 26). [Planning & Panelist]. Second Annual Bodies, Health & Environments Unconference, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, United States.

Reagan, G (2023, June 2) *The Digital (De)Construction of Food: A Pedogeological Primer & Conceptual Model* [Panelist.] “Knowing Food: Insights from Around the Table”: Annual Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA, United States.

Reagan, G (2023 April 28 – 29). [Planning & Panelist]. First Annual Bodies, Health & Environments Unconference, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Reagan, G (2023, March 23). [Panelist]. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center, Denver, CO, United States.

Reagan, G (2022, May 20). *What We Ate: Exploring Palate Development & Diversity Through America's Latchkey Generation* [Panelist.] “Cultivating Connections: Exploring Entry Points Into

Sustainable Food Systems”: Annual Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, United States.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

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| Public Policy Lab Fellowship | September 2025-May 2026 |
| ○ \$2,000 Funding towards dissertation research | |
| Graduate Student Teaching Award | April 2024 |
| ○ \$750 | |
| Graduate Student Travel Award | May 2022 |
| ○ Funding for travel to present at Annual Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society Conference | |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| With Love Teaching Restaurant (Syracuse, NY) | |
| Program Coordinator, Onondaga Community College | 2018 – 2020 |
| ○ Working closely with underserved populations to provide tools for a pathway to a living wage via the introduction of culinary and service skills while additionally coordinating with Center for Community Alternatives and CNY Works in creating curriculum for Onondaga Community College and managing social media and marketing related to teaching restaurant. | |
| Total Food Service (New York, NY) | |
| Staff Writer | 2020 – 2022 |
| ○ Writing monthly articles on local food and restaurateurs in the New York City area and pitching story ideas based on current trends and policy in regional food systems. | |
| Syracuse Woman Magazine (New York, NY) | |
| Staff Writer | 2015 – 2018 |
| ○ Pitching and crafting more than 25 articles on local food and non-profit organizations and rapidly promoted from associate to management team. | |

UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT

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| Temple University Graduate Student Association: President | 2024 – 2025 |
| Served as Vice President (2023-2024) before taking role as President. Coordinated GENUS Speakers Series as well as funding and travel organization for GENUS students attending AAG | |
| Temple Graduate Student Association: STARS Coordinator | 2024 – 2025 |
| Attended online trainings in order to maintain graduate student funding for continued departmental conference participation. | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| American Association of Geographers | |
| Graduate Student Member | 2021 – current |
| Treasurer, GFASG | 2024 – current |
| Agriculture, Food & Human Values Society | |
| Graduate Student Member | 2021 – current |

Association for the Study of Food and Society	
Graduate Student Member	2021 – current
Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program	
Fulbright Facilitator	Summer 2021
Syracuse Cooperative Market Board of Directors	
Member Engagement Chair	2021 – 2022
Philadelphia The Food Policy Advisory Council (FPAC)	
Community Member	2024 – current
Syracuse Onondaga Food Systems Alliance (SOFSA)	
Member: Policy & Planning and Farm to School Committee	2020 – current

REFERENCES

Allison Hayes-Conroy, Ph.D.

Dissertation Advisor/Associate Professor, Department of Geography, Environment, and Urban Studies, Temple University: anhc@temple.edu

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