

# Curriculum Vitae – Brienne Berry

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## Education

University of Maine

- Ph.D. Student, Anthropology & Environmental Policy

City University of New York – Hunter College

- M.S. 2011, Urban Affairs (concentration in urban sustainability)

The George Washington University

- B.A. 2006, Cultural Anthropology

## Teaching Experience

**Sustainability Solutions.** University of Maine. Fall 2018.

Seminar (graduate and undergraduate) focused on connecting knowledge to action on a broad range of sustainability initiatives.

*Guest Lecture: “Waste and Want.”* Anthropology of Food. Fall 2017.

Lecture on connections between food waste and insecurity, and connecting knowledge to action through research and policy.

## Honors & Awards

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| 2018      | Department of Anthropology Travel Award. University of Maine, Spring.  |
| 2018      | Diana Davis Spencer Scholar. Spring.   |
| 2017      | Graduate Student Government Grant. University of Maine, Spring.  |
| 2017      | St. Clair Drake Award. Society for the Anthropology of North America.  |
| 2017      | Graduate Student Government Grant. University of Maine, Fall.  |
| 2017      | Department of Anthropology Travel Award. University of Maine, Fall.  |
| 2017      | Research Assistant. Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions. University of Maine, Fall. |
| 2017-2018 | Graduate Trustee Tuition Scholarship. University of Maine.   |
| 2017      | Honorable Mention. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program.                           |
| 2017      | Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center Fellow. University of Maine, Spring 2017.                                   |
| 2016      | Research Assistant. Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions. University of Maine, Fall. |
| 2002-2006 | Presidential Academic Scholarship. The George Washington University.   |

## Publications

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| 2018 | <b>Berry, B.</b> , Bonnet, J., & Isenhour, C. <i>In revision</i> . Rummaging Through the Attic of New England. <i>World Wide Waste</i> .  |
| 2018 | Isenhour, C., Strong, A., McGinn, A. & <b>Berry, B.</b> <i>In revision</i> . Shifting Accounts and Shifted Emissions: Emissions Reporting and the Reproduction of International Advantage. <i>Economy and Society</i> . |

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- 2017 **Berry, B., & Acheson, A.** (2017). Sharing Isn't Easy: Food Waste and Food Redistribution in Maine K-12 Schools. *Maine Policy Review*, 26(1), 47-58.
- 2017 Isenhour, C., Crawley, A., **Berry, B.**, & Bonnet, J. (2017). Maine's Culture of Reuse and Its Potential to Advance Environmental and Economic Policy Objectives. *Maine Policy Review*, 26(1), 36-46.

## Presentations & Panels

- 2018 Reuse & Resilience in Maine's "Depleted" Rural Communities. North-South Conference of Degrowth-Descrecimiento. Mexico City, Mexico. September 2018.
- 2018 Alternative Economies at the End of the Road. Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI) Conference. Copenhagen, Denmark. June 2018.
- 2017 They Come from Away: On the Commoditization of Maine's Discards Markets. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Washington, DC. November 2017.
- 2017 Update on LD1534 Stakeholder Engagement Process. Presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. Augusta, Maine. November 2017.
- 2017 Reuse and Resilience: Exploring Maine's Reuse Economy. Poster presentation for Society for Economic Anthropology 2017 Annual Meeting. Iowa City, Iowa. April 2017.
- 2017 Food Redistribution in Maine Schools: Opportunities for K-12 Schools to Reduce Food Waste and Food Insecurity. Presentation for Maine Sustainability and Water Conference 2017. Augusta, Maine. March 2017.
- 2016 Reuse and Social Capital: An Approach for Measurement. Selected presenter for the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions Student Lightning Talk as part of the Fall 2016 Seminar Series. University of Maine, November 2016.
- 2016 "Plastic Bags, Compost, and Deconstruction: How New Yorkers are Wasting Less and Reusing More." Co-organizer of a Gowanus Canal Conservancy panel featuring New York City government and nonprofit leaders in waste reduction. Brooklyn, NY. September 2016.

## Research Experience

"Rethinking resilience and reuse in rural America's depleted communities"

- *Maine*: 2018 – 2021
- Cindy Isenhour, PI.
- Funded through the National Science Foundation.
- Mixed-methods, multi-year investigation of reuse economies in Maine.

"Materials Management in Maine"

- *Maine*: Fall 2016 - Present
- Interdisciplinary research group housed within the Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions.
- Engage with academic colleagues and stakeholders across the state of Maine on issues of materials management and waste reduction. Accomplishments include:
  - Wrote, edited, and developed content for the Community Waste Toolkit, a website showcasing best practices for waste reduction in the state of Maine.

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- Collaborated with legislators, stakeholders, and academic colleagues to identify opportunities and barriers to food waste reduction in the state of Maine to support LD 1534: An Act to Address Hunger, Support Maine Farms, and Reduce Waste, with particular attention to food donation.
- Authored section of report for the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources reviewing policies to promote food donation in Maine.

## Service & Campus Engagement

- 2018 Outreach Volunteer, UMaine UVote. Fall 2018. University of Maine.
- 2018 Senator, Graduate Student Government. Fall 2018. University of Maine.
- 2018 Interdisciplinary Research Mentor, Undergraduate Diana Davis Spencer Scholars. Spring 2018, University of Maine.
- 2017 Coordinator, LD 1534 Stakeholder Engagement Workshop. Summer & Fall 2017, University of Maine.
- 2017 Coordinator, Mandela Washington Fellowship. Summer 2017, University of Maine.
- 2017 Community Panelist, Project Citizen. Spring 2017, Hermon High School.
- 2017 Grant Reader, Graduate Student Government. Spring 2017, University of Maine.
- 2016 Volunteer Educator, Hudson Museum. Fall 2016, University of Maine.
- 2016 Grant Reader, Graduate Student Government. Fall 2016, University of Maine.
- 2016 SCORAI Conference Volunteer, Videography. Summer 2016, University of Maine.

## Media

- April 2018 “[Diana Davis Spencer Partnership for a Sustainable Maine](#)” Solutions Newsletter, University of Maine
- November 2017 “[Honest Broker](#)” Solutions Newsletter, University of Maine
- July 2017 “[Waste Not, Want Not](#)” Solutions Newsletter, University of Maine
- March 2017 “[PhD Student Exploring Maine’s Reuse Economy](#)” University of Maine News

## Professional Experience

Outreach Coordinator, GrowNYC

New York, NY  
January 2016 – August 2016

- Developed and managed public school waste reduction programs as part of New York City’s Zero Waste Schools Initiative, an effort to send zero waste to landfills by 2030.
- Led trainings and workshops on waste reduction for teachers, custodians, and school-based staff.
- Developed outreach and evaluation tools to measure the impact of education programs and direct interventions.
- Created waste-reduction curricula for classroom teachers that included student service components.

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Career Development Programs Coordinator, Central Park Conservancy

New York, NY

January 2012 – December 2015

- Oversaw environmental education and early career programs for over 300 high school and college students annually.
- Taught hands-on ecological restoration workshops and semester-long programs for students.
- Instituted partnerships between Central Park Conservancy and other New York City-based environmental non-profit and green space management organizations.

Energy Analyst, Energy Investment Systems

New York, NY

July 2010 – January 2012

- Analyzed the energy consumption of multifamily buildings to identify usage patterns, and estimate energy costs.
- Conducted building-wide and individual apartment energy audits to assess existing infrastructure and evaluate opportunities for efficiency improvements.
- Coordinated with city and state energy efficiency incentive programs to facilitate efficiency improvements for multifamily buildings.
- Developed energy policy briefs for clients and policymakers.

Crew Supervisor, Student Conservation Association

New York, NY

June 2009 – January 2010

- Directed an 11-member ecological restoration crew as part of a green jobs training program for young adults who had previously been disconnected from the workforce.
- Created a skills-development program for crew members that included writing, technical skills, and experiential learning.

Agriculture Extension Agent, United States Peace Corps

Gao, Mali

2006 – 2008

- Partnered with community leaders, non-governmental organizations, and government agencies to build a fish farm in a rural Malian community.
- Wrote, performed, and produced weekly Songhai-language radio show to address community health, best practices in sustainable agriculture, and cross-cultural understanding.
- Coordinated with local cultural organizations to promote intercultural exchange.