



In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of

Doctor of Philosophy
Estève Giraud

Will defend her prospectus

**Urban Food Autonomy: The Flourishing of
an Ethics of Care for Resilient Food Systems**

Abstract

The goal of my research is to interrogate how relational values of care and autonomy, and emerging grassroots movements related to food autonomy, caring agricultural systems, and permaculture can contribute to food system resilience scholarship and practice. I propose to integrate theories related to care, urban food autonomy, and permaculture into a conceptual model of food system resilience, and test it across three international sites: Havana, Paris, and Phoenix. I will use qualitative methods of data collection and analysis, including semi-directed interviews, participant observation and participatory action research for the case studies. The first case study will explore how and to what extent the imperative of food autonomy in Havana has shaped the resilience of its food system. The second case study related to Paris will explore how the emergence of caring agricultural systems in this city have contributed to the resilience of its food system. The third case study related to Phoenix will explore the role of permaculture in building food system resilience. Using the conceptual framework to synthesize the findings from these case studies, I will examine how the inter-relationships between caring agricultural systems, food autonomy movements and permaculture can be leveraged to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

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9:00 am

Wrigley Hall Building, Room 481

Faculty, students, and the public are invited.

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