

## K E R R I L a C H A R I T E

George Mason University  
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### Education

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- Ph.D.**                    **Sustainability Education, Prescott College, 2014**  
Dissertation: Cultivating Sustainability: Impact of Campus Agriculture  
Projects on Undergraduate Student Connections to Nature,  
Environmentally Responsible Behaviors, and Perceptions  
Advisor: Pramod Parajuli
- B.A.**                    Theatre Arts, University of New Hampshire, with honors, 1999  
Studio Art, University of New Hampshire

### Professional Experience

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- Associate Professor**    George Mason University, 2016-Current  
Teach undergraduate and graduate courses  
Advise students, Supervise individual directed studies  
Participate in departmental and college committees
- 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

### **Publications**

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LaCharite, K. (2016). Re-visioning agriculture in higher education: The role of campus agriculture initiatives in sustainability education. *Agriculture and Human Values*, 33(3), 521-535. doi:10.1007/s10460-015-9619-6.

LaCharite, K. (in press). Growing a culture of sustainability: Urban agriculture experiences and undergraduate student perceptions and behaviors. in M. Barnett, A. Patchen, L. Esters, N. Knobloch, (Eds.) *Educational Research on STEM Learning in Urban Agricultural and Urban Garden Settings*. New York, New York: Springer International Publishing.

### **Presentations**

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#### **Invited Talks and Workshops**

“Wild Edibles” Carnegie Mellon University, 2009

#### **Conference Papers Presented**

“Mapping Environmental Views: The Influence of Institutional Discourse on Undergraduate Students Environmental Beliefs at Campus Farms” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 17-20, 2016

“Educating Environmental Beliefs: Campus Agriculture Projects in Higher Education” Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Pittsburgh, PA, June 24-28, 2015

“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, June 18-22, 2014

“Cultivating Students: Pedagogical Objectives of Campus Farms” Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, East Lansing, MI, June 19-22, 2013

“The Re-emergence of Growing: An Exploration of the Media on College Students” Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society, Missoula, MT, June 9-12, 2011

“Fisher Price to Factual Farms: Educating Environmental Attitudes” Association for the Study of Food & Society, Bloomington, IN, June 2-6, 2010

“Fisher Price to Factual Farms: Educating Environmental Attitudes”  
Rural Heritage Institute at Sterling College, VT, June 16-18, 2009

### **Classes Taught**

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George Mason University	Food Systems, Spring 2017 Food and Culture, Fall 2016, 2017 Urban Agriculture, Fall 2016, 2017 Fundamentals of Cooking, Fall & Spring 2016, 2017 Introduction to Wine and Beer, Spring 2017 Taste and Place, Fall 2017
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 Service**

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George Mason	Faculty Council, Spring 2017- Current Academic Program Review 2019, Fall 2017- Current
Chatham University	Eden Hall Farm Campus Committee, 2008-2010 IT Faculty Advisory Committee, 2005-2008

Accepted Student Day Advising, 2006-2010  
World Ready Women Scholarship Interviews, 2005-2010

### **Professional Skills**

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Wine & Spirit Education Trust Level 2, 2017  
ServSafe Certified, 2011  
Permaculture Certified, 2012

### **Community Involvement**

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Reviewer	International Journal of Sustainability in Higher Education
Member	Fairfax Food Council, 2017
Treasurer	Pittsburgh Food Policy Council, 2012
Steering Committee	Pittsburgh Food Policy Council, 2011- 2012
Steering Committee	Pennsylvania Women's Agriculture Network, 2010- 2011
Organizer	Lawrenceville Community Garden, 2010- 2011
Member	Nightingale Community Garden, 2012-2016

### **Professional Affiliation**

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