

# Jennifer Obadia

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## EDUCATION

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**Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University** **Boston, MA**

**Ph.D.** Agriculture, Food and the Environment

Expected May 2011

**Dissertation Topic:** Viability of Massachusetts farmers' markets and their role in increasing access to fresh produce for WIC participants

**University of Maryland, College Park**

**College Park, MD**

**M.S.** Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology

2001-2003

**New York University, The Gallatin School**

**New York, NY**

**B.A.** Individualized Study

1996-1999

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Assistant**

**Boston, MA**

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

June 2010 – Present

- Conduct outreach to promote the use of farmers' markets by SNAP participants
- Assess the use of SNAP/ EBT at farmers' markets
- Provide technical to market managers

**Consultant/ Lead Curriculum Developer**

**Walpole, MA**

Green Education Foundation

Sept. 2010 – Present

- Develop nutrition curriculum for students grades K-12
- Develop teacher training manual for curriculum implementation
- Develop professional development course for teacher nation-wide

**Consultant**

**Boston, MA**

City of Boston, Mayor's Office

Fall 2010

- Conducted research for a city-wide community food security assessment
- Wrote a community food security assessment for Boston
- Developed future research and policy recommendations

**Project Co-founder & Coordinator**

**Boston, MA**

AFE – Quincy Garden-Based Learning Project

2006-2009

- Worked with public school teachers to co-found a garden-based learning program
- Developed garden-based curriculum for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students
- Trained 50 graduate students to implement garden-based lessons

**Teaching Assistant, Fundamentals of Public Policy**

**Boston, MA**

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

Fall 2007, 2008 & 2009

- Wrote case studies relevant to nutrition policy issues
- Led student review sessions
- Graded course assignments

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## Field Director, Building Votes Program

The Oregon Bus Project

Portland, OR

April-Aug. 2006

- Developed and coordinated campaign to register 15,000 youth voters in Oregon
- Recruited, trained and coordinated 150 volunteers
- Managed team of 10 Summer Fellows and Building Votes staff

## Psycho-Social Trainer

Save the Children, Hurricane Katrina Response Team

New Orleans, LA

Sept. 2005-Feb. 2006

- Trained 150 social workers to implement the Psycho-Social Structured Activities (PSSA) program
- Wrote PSSA training for trainers manual
- Monitored and assessed implementation of PSSA program

## Youth and Family Programs Coordinator

Friends of Zenger Farm

Portland, OR

Jan.-Sept. 2005

- Developed and implemented sustainable agriculture curriculum with students grades K-12
- Conducted outreach to schools and community organizations
- Planned and implemented the first annual Zenger Farm Summer Camp
- Coordinated volunteer and internship programs

## Jean Wallace Douglas Farming Fellow

Ecosystem Farm

Accokeek, MD

Mar. 2003-Dec. 2004

- Coordinated all aspects of production for farm crops
- Designed, conducted and analyzed community-agriculture-agriculture (CSA) shareholder survey
- Developed content for farm website
- Contributed articles to weekly newsletter
- Harvested, prepared and distributed CSA shares

## Naturalist

San Mateo County Outdoor Education

La Honda, CA

Sept. 2000-June 2001

- Developed lessons in accordance with the California state science curriculum
- Taught groups of fifth and sixth grade students in indoor and outdoor classrooms
- Mentored and evaluated high school cabin leaders

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Advisory Council: Student Learning Through Urban Gardening Program,  
Boston Natural Areas Network July 2007-Aug. 2009
- Peer Reviewer: Food Policy 2009 - Present
- Board of Directors: Students for a Free Tibet Aug. 2002-June 2005

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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- Microsoft Excel, Word and Power Point
- Statistical software Microsoft SPSS
- Mapping software ArcGIS

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**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Obadia, J.** and Cohen, N. *Let them eat green: Creating a sustainable urban foodshed in New York City.* IN Sustainability principles, practice and perspective in America's cities. Edited by Matthew Slavin. Island Press. Washington, DC. *In Progress.*

Merrigan, K. and **Obadia J.** (2009). *Organic Labels.* IN Encyclopedia of Organic, Sustainable, and Local Food. Edited by Leslie A. Duram. ABC-CLIO publications. USA.

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**Obadia, J.**, Anderson, N. and Caro, M. (2002). *Adapting Communication to a Dynamic Cultural Landscape: Recommendations for the Development and Implementation of a Bushmeat Crisis Task Force Public Awareness Campaign in Central Africa.* Bushmeat Crisis Task Force. Silver Spring, MD. Available at [www.bushmeat.org/docs.html](http://www.bushmeat.org/docs.html)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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“Boston’s Farmers Markets” Agrowcity Sustainable Urban Agriculture Forum. Boston, MA. January 2010.

“Agriculture and the Clean Air Act” Agriculture, Science and Policy Course. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy. Boston, MA. February 2009.

“Urban Vegetable Production: Determining Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons Concentrations” First Annual Friedman Fellow’s Symposium. New York, N.Y. November 2008.