

Jennifer Obadia

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EDUCATION

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University **Boston, MA**
Ph.D. Nutrition 2011

Concentration: Agriculture, Food and Environment

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

Instructor **Boston, MA**
Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy, Tufts University August 2011 - Present

- Co-teach Fundamentals of Public Policy
- Sponsor student direct studies and research projects
- Advise masters students
- Develop new course in urban agriculture

Farmers' Market Nutrition Assistant **Boston, MA**
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources 2010-2011

- Conduct outreach to promote the use of farmers' markets by SNAP participants
- Assess the use of SNAP/ EBT at farmers' markets
- Provide technical assistance to market managers at 58 markets that accept SNAP
- Certify farmers' and market managers to participate in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Nutrition Instructor **Boston, MA**
Beacon Academy 2008 – 2010

- Developed nutrition and food policy curriculum for 9th grade students
- Implemented nutrition and food policy curriculum
- Conduct student assessments with nutrition pre and post-tests

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
- Determined future research needs 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 3rd grade students
- Trained 50 graduate students to implement garden-based lessons

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Field Director, Building Votes Program

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The Oregon Bus Project

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

New Orleans, LA

Save the Children, Hurricane Katrina Response Team

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 in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

Youth and Family Programs Coordinator

Portland, OR

Friends of Zenger Farm

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

Accokeek, MD

Ecosystem Farm

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 and weekly newsletter
- Harvested, prepared and distributed CSA shares

Naturalist

La Honda, CA

San Mateo County Outdoor Education

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

- Farmers' Market Sub-committee Chair: Boston Collaborative for Food and Fitness 2010 - Present
- Advisory Council: Student Learning Through Urban Gardening Program, Boston Natural Areas Network 2007- 2009
- Board of Directors: Students for a Free Tibet 2002-2005

COMPUTER SKILLS

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

PUBLICATIONS

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