

DARREN PATRICK

curriculum vitae

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Education

York University September 2011 - Present
PhD Candidate, Faculty of Environmental Studies

Comprehensive Research Title: Queer Urban Ecologies: Difference, Desire, and Embodied Agency

Advisory Committee: Catriona Sandilands (chair), Stefan Kipfer, and Shubhra Gururani

Central European University September 2010 - June 2011
M.A., Sociology and Social Anthropology, with distinction

Thesis: The Politics of Urban Sustainability: Preservation, Redevelopment, and Landscape on the High Line

Advisors: Judit Bodnar (Department Head) and Alexandra Kowalski

Awards: **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** June 2011
Awarded to students for maintaining outstanding academic performance.

New York University January 2006 - January 2008
B.A., Metropolitan Studies, *summa cum laude*

Thesis: On Edge: Environment & Sexuality on the West Side Waterfront since 1969

Advisors: Harvey Molotch and Anne Rademacher

Awards: **Founder's Day Award** April 2008
Presidential Honors Scholar May 2006 - January 2008

George Washington University August 2003 - May 2005
International Affairs, GPA 3.6

Awards: **Honors Scholar** August 2003 - May 2005
University and Alumni Award August 2003

Scholarships and Funding

Ontario Trillium Scholarship 2011 - 2015
\$40,000 annual scholarship awarded to top international students.

York International Tuition Fee Scholarship 2011 - 2015
\$4,800 annually awarded to incoming international students.

York Graduate Entrance Scholarship 2011
\$4,000 scholarship awarded to top incoming students.

Central European University Full Academic Fellowship 2010 - 2011
€15,000 scholarship and stipend for one academic year.

New York University College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship 2006 - 2007
\$21,700 scholarship for academic merit

New York University Chancellor's Grant 2006
\$4,000 award for selected incoming students

George Washington University Presidential Scholarship 2003 - 2005
\$40,000 annual scholarship awarded to top incoming students

Teaching Experience

2013, Winter. Teaching Assistant. York University Faculty of Environmental Studies.
"Global Cities." (ENVS 4223/ENVS 5023) Course Director: Dr. Heather McLean.

2012, Winter. Teaching Assistant. York University Faculty of Environmental Studies.
"Global Cities." (ENVS 4223/ENVS 5023) Course Director: Professor Roger Keil.

Publications

2008, Fall. "Inside → Out: Making a Gay Waterfront in Post-Stonewall New York City."
SCA Review.

2008. "On Edge: Environment and Sexuality on the West Side Waterfront since 1969 [abstract]." *Inquiry: A Journal of Undergraduate Research*. Volume XII, p. 38.

2008, February 14. "LGBTQ youth of color organize for community-focused development." *Workers World*, p.3. Online: <http://www.workers.org/2008/us/lgbtq_0214/index.html>

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Conference Presentations

2012, November 3. "‘The High Line is Totally Gay’: Refiguring the Ground of Gay Green Gentrification in New York City," Urban-Activism-Scholarship: Global Discourses in Local, Historical, and Contemporary Contexts, First Annual Conference of the International Graduate Research Program (Berlin - New York - Toronto), Berlin, DE.

2012, February 24. "Taming the High Line: Vagabond Plants and the Creation of an Ecological Icon," American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, USA.

2008, April. NYU Undergraduate Research Conference. Presentation of Senior Honors Thesis before a juried panel.

Invited Lectures

2012, November 7. "‘The High Line is Totally Gay’: Refiguring the Ground of Gay Green Gentrification in New York City," Environmental Studies Program, New York University, New York City, NY.

2011, November 2. "Taming the High Line: Preservation Politics, Vagabond Plants, and the Creation of an Ecological Icon" Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, New York City, NY.

2010, April 21. "A Line in the Sand: Queers, Urban Nature, and the Linear Park." Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, New York City, NY.

2009, November 12. "Socionature and The Utopian Imaginary." Presentation of Senior Honors Thesis project and emerging work on queer theory and urban ecology. Department of Social and Cultural Analysis, New York University, New York City, NY.

Working Groups and Committees

2012, September - 2013, September. Member of Equity Committee. Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2012, January - December. Co-Chairperson of PhD Environmental Studies Student's Association (PhESSA). Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

2011, September - 2012, April. Member of Nature-Culture Research Cluster. Robarts Center for Canadian Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Convener: Professor Jody Berland.

2011, September - 2012, September. Member of PhD Program, Admissions, and Curriculum Subcommittee. Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Chairperson: Stefan Kipfer.

2008, April - 2010, April. Member of Right to the City Working Group at the Center for Place, Culture and Politics, City University of New York Graduate Center, New York City, New York, USA. Convener: Professor David Harvey.

Coursework

2012. "Culture and Environment" [audit] York University. Prof. Catriona Sandilands.

2012. "Space, Time, Revolution." University of Toronto. Kanishka Goonewardena.

2011. "Matters of Nature." York University. Shubhra Gururani

2011. "Contemporary Social Theory." Central European University (CEU). Prof. Jean-Louis Fabiani.

2011. "Cultures of Capitalism: An Anthropological Reading of Post-Socialist Economic Transformation." Central European University. Violetta Zentai.

2011. "Ethnography and Field Methods." CEU. Vlad Naumescu.

2011. "Introduction to Research Methods: Quantitative & Qualitative." CEU. Andreas Dafinger.

2011. "State Theory and Research." CEU. Alexandra Kowalski.

2010. "Key Issues in Social and Cultural Anthropology." CEU. Daniel Montereescu.

2010. "Key issues in Sociological Theory." CEU. Prof. Jean-Louis Fabiani.

2010. "Logic of Social Inquiry." CEU. Balázs Vedres.

2010. "Modernity: Institutions, Power, Agency." CEU. Prof. Don Kalb

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2010. "The Human and the Post-Human" CEU. Prof. Allaine Cerwonka.
2007. "Cultural Mapping for Social Change." New York University (NYU). Jaime Martinez.
2007. "Culture of the City." NYU. Julia Rothenberg.
2007. "Law and Urban Problems." NYU. Douglas Lasdon.
2007. "Urban Environmentalism." NYU. Anne Rademacher.
2006. "Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Metropolitan Studies." NYU. Prof. Neil Brenner.
2006. "Cities in a Global Context." NYU. Anne Rademacher.

Professional Experience

HR&A ADVISORS, INC. December 2008 - August 2010
Finance and Accounting Coordinator New York City, New York
Coordinated daily financial operations of offices in New York and Los Angeles.

UNITED JEWISH ORGANIZATION OF WILLIAMSBURGH August 2009 - January 2010
Quickbooks Instructor Brooklyn, New York
Planned and conducted a 10-week course in Quickbooks software. Taught twice weekly three-hour classes for a Hasidic Jewish population.

COGGAN + CRAWFORD ARCHITECTURE + DESIGN June 2006 - September 2008
Studio and Project Manager Brooklyn, New York
Facilitated daily operations of Brooklyn studio.

THE GAIA INSTITUTE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION January 2007 - May 2007
Research Intern Bronx, New York
Conducted extensive self-directed research on urban environmental topics. Culminating project utilized Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to analyze the potential environmental impact of increasing permeable surfaces in the Jamaica Bay Watershed.

Community Organizing

**PROSPECT LEFFERTS GARDENS
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** May 2008 - July 2010
Board of Directors Brooklyn, New York
Elected to the Board of Directors March 2009. Worked with Board Members and membership to establish PLGNA as the central community organization for the neighborhood.

**PROSPECT LEFFERTS GARDENS
COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE** April 2007 - April 2010
Leadership Board, Outreach Coordinator Brooklyn, New York
Began serving on Leadership Board in January 2009. Worked to promote equity and access within and beyond the organization.

Language

French (intermediate read; beginning spoken)