



## Disha Bansal

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### *Profile*

**Research Profile:** My PhD project focuses on the redevelopment of Traditional Retail Markets in the UK, the project aims to produce practice-based knowledge, to make redevelopment socially and environmentally inclusive to avoid displacement of vulnerable and low-income group communities. This would be done through an interdisciplinary partnership between geographers and the Grieg and Stephenson architects to add social value to their architectural designs.

**Research Skills:** Qualitative Research including ethnographic methods, Collaborative Research.

### *I could use some help with...*

- Guidance on Publication and targeting academic journals
- Collaboration with fellow academicians on Publications
- Networking, and connecting to relevant platforms for conferences and research groups

### *Languages*

English (Proficient)

Hindi (Native)

### *Personal interests*

Nature walks and  
Hikes  
Mandala Art  
drawing

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Urban Regeneration and contestation
- ✓ Redevelopment of Traditional retail markets
- ✓ Access to Public spaces and social justice
- ✓ Decolonial Research Practices



## Jamie Bride

2<sup>nd</sup> Year PhD student in Montpellier (PhyMedExp)

Thesis title : *Characterization of non-enzymatic oxidized polyunsaturated fatty acids (NEO-PUFAs) interactomes and the associated signaling pathways by the use of click-NEO-PUFAs*

Co-directed by Pr. Demion and Dr. Galano and co-supervised by Pr. LeGuennec



French  
(Guadeloupe)

### Expertise

- ✓ Omega-3
- ✓ Click chemistry
- ✓ Confocal imaging
- ✓ Cytometry
- ✓ Inflammation
- ✓ Arrhythmias

### Profile

I am a 2<sup>nd</sup>-year PhD student at the University of Montpellier. After working for two and a half years as a study engineer on the screening of omega-3 fatty acid metabolites, I started my PhD. My research focuses on characterizing the cellular localization of 4F<sub>4t</sub>-Neuroprostane, an omega-3 metabolite, using click chemistry. This study will facilitate the investigation of the therapeutic potential of 4-F4t-NeuroP in other disease contexts as well as personalized medicine. I am particularly interested in applying chemical techniques to biological research. As my research progresses, I hope to apply these methods to a subject related to my home island.

### *I could use some help with...*

Building a network  
Meeting new people  
Discovering new research fields

### Languages

French  
English

### Personal interests

Sewing   
Crochet   
Cooking 



NING Minghao (Marco)

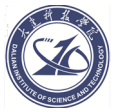
PhD Candidate in Agricultural Economic Management, China  
Graduate School of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (GSCAAS)



Multiple Disciplines  
Researcher  
Cross-Cultural  
Learner

Profile

**2021-2024 Dalian University of Science and Technology, China**  
Dean of International Office  
**2016-2021 Dalian Neusoft University of Information, China**  
Vice Dean of School of Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
**2014-2015 Imperial College London, UK**  
MSc in Transportation and Business Management  
**2014 Ecole de Management de Normandie, France**  
European Business Management Program (as exchange students)  
**2010-2014 Dalian Maritime University, China**  
Bachelor of Transportation



Languages

Chinese  
(Mandarin )  
English  
French



Expertise

- ✓ Consumer Behavior in Agricultural Economics
- ✓ Behavioral Agri-Food Preferences
- ✓ Sustainable Agricultural Practices

I could use some help with...

Finalising slides, design behavioral experiments

Personal interests

Badminton  
Chess  
Local cuisines



Tanzania

# CAROLINE N'GOMANGE MARO

University of Arizona, USA

## Profile

## Languages

### Expertise

- ✓ Horticulture
- ✓ Plant breeding
- ✓ Plant Microbiology

I am a PhD student in Arnold's lab at The University of Arizona. I'm interested in understanding the relationships between endophytic microbes and the plants, exploring how these relationships mutually benefit both parties.

I'm particularly fascinated by understanding how plants gain advantages from these microbes and how the microbes, in turn, thrive in the plant environment.

- ✓ English
- ✓ Swahili

*I could use some help with...*

Bioinformatics and statistical tools

### Personal interests

- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Singing
- ✓ Dancing



## Virginie Drolet-Labelle RD, MSc

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### *Expertise*

- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Public health
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Sugary drinks

### *Profile*

I am a registered dietitian with a Master's degree in Nutrition.  
I am currently in my third year as a PhD student at Université Laval, Québec, Canada.  
The main objective of my thesis is to characterize the sustainability of beverage consumption in Canada.

### *Languages*

- ✓ French
- ✓ English

### *I could use some help with...*

... improving my knowledge and understanding of sustainability policies in other countries

### *Personal interests*

Cooking, hiking and travelling !



## Julieth Uriza

Nutrition & Food Scientist 🌱 Public Policies and Regulatory Affairs ✿  
Contributing to Sustainable & Healthy Diets for everyone, everywhere! 🌱

Colombia  
The Netherlands



Utrecht University  
Utrecht Medical  
Center



### Profile

I am a Nutritionist-dietitian with a MSc Food Science and Technology, MSc Epidemiology and a PhD candidate in Epidemiology. My passion lies in bridging nutrition science, public policy, and food systems to create impactful, evidence-based solutions that improve population health.

With over 15 years of experience across research, public policy, teaching, and consultancy, I have successfully worked with diverse sectors and multidisciplinary teams to drive meaningful change. My expertise spans nutrition, lifestyles, sustainable diets, and food science with a strong focus on innovative and integrative solutions.

### *I could use some help with...*

- Networking Skills
- Collaborative Research
- Qualitative methods
- Understanding Food Systems complexity

### Languages

- ✓ Spanish (Native)
- ✓ English

### Personal interests

- Writing
- Yoga
- Hiking
- Travel

### Expertise

- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Food Science
- ✓ Public Policies
- ✓ Epidemiology
- ✓ Regulatory Affairs







## Meike Siemonsma

PhD researcher @ Wageningen University with Plant Production Systems & Global Nutrition Group as part of the Food System Intelligence (FSI) Research Consortium.

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Public Health
- ✓ Epidemiology
- ✓ Food System Research
- ✓ Advanced data analysis

### *Profile*

After working for WFP, UNICEF and Unilever, I am currently working on my PhD research project in which I'm exploring how dietary monitoring systems and machine learning methods can transform our understanding of dietary patterns in Rwanda and beyond. This research aims to demonstrate how inclusive and adaptive data systems & innovative prediction models can inform and strengthen food systems to achieve improved dietary outcomes.

### *Languages*

- ✓ Dutch
- ✓ English

### *I could use some help with...*

Machine learning methods, agricultural system analysis and methods for analysing weather patterns.

### *Personal interests*

Running, yoga, nature, hiking in the mountains, camping, reading, writing, painting



## Guilherme Portugal

Luiz de Queiroz College of Agriculture –  
University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil

Applied economics and business.

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Applied Economics
- ✓ Food externalities
- ✓ Microeconomic modeling
- ✓ Sustainable food markets
- ✓ Mobility theories
- ✓ Public policy

### *Profile*

I am a PhD candidate in Applied Economics at ESALQ/USP, Brazil, with a research agenda focused on correcting market failures in food systems through economic modeling and policy evaluation. My work explores how negative externalities—particularly health-related and environmental costs—are not reflected in ultra-processed products prices. I aim to propose theoretical frameworks and empirical tools to internalize these costs and promote equitable access to healthy food, combining insights from public economics, health economics, and food policy.

### *I could use some help with...*

...theoretical review, methods to estimate long-term health costs of diets and approaches to model fiscal policies in unequal and imperfect markets.

### *Languages*

Portuguese  
English  
Spanish

### *Personal interests*

Art, anthropology, travels and sustainability.





## Byambabayar Ganbold (Bibby)

My name is Byambabayar Ganbold. You may call me Bibby. I am from Mongolia. I am 33 years old and living with my family (wife and daughter).

### Expertise

- ✓ Remote sensing
- ✓ Soil
- ✓ Physical Geography
- ✓ Climate change

### Profile

- I am a first-year PhD student at Wageningen University and Research (WUR), the Netherlands, originally from Mongolia, and a lecturer at the National University of Mongolia (NUM).
- My research aims to enhance the resilience of herders to climate change in the Mongolian grasslands by improving access to timely, satellite-based environmental information via mobile devices, thereby supporting local livelihoods.
- I'm very excited to connect with other international scholars and learn how diverse cultural perspectives shape research approaches.

### Languages

- ✓ Mongolian
- ✓ English

### *I could use some help with...*

I could use some help with navigating interdisciplinary research collaborations. I'd love to connect with researchers working on similar topics, and I could use some help finding international research exchange opportunities.

### *Personal interests*

- ✓ Traveling and exploring different cultures
- ✓ Making friends...



# Housna HASSANI

2<sup>nd</sup> year PhD Candidate in Global Health & Nutrition

From France &  
Comoros Islands



## Expertise

- ✓ Global Health
- ✓ School food environnement

*Areas of interest :*

- ✓ Maternal & Child Health
- ✓ Implementation Research
- ✓ Participative studies

## Profile

- MSc **Global Health in the Global South**
- PhD focus : **school-based interventions to improve adolescent nutrition in urban Kenya & Comoros.**
- Skilled in quantitative & qualitative research, data analysis (STATA), and project management in LMICs.

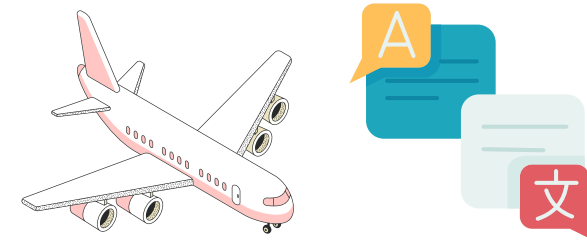
*I could use some help with...*

Bridging **research, policy and practice** to improve child & adolescent health.

## Languages

- French (native)
- English (C1)
- Spanish (B2)
- Arabic (A1)

## Personal interests





**Agung Jauhari** ([a.jauhari@uu.nl](mailto:a.jauhari@uu.nl))

Indonesia



International Development Studies, Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University

### *Expertise*

- ✓ GIS
- ✓ Cartography
- ✓ Spatial Analysis

### *Profile*

My name is Agung Jauhari, and I am a PhD candidate in International Development Studies at the Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Faculty of Geosciences, Utrecht University, funded by the Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education Agency (LPDP scholarship). My research, investigates how urbanization influences local communities' access to land resources, food sovereignty, food security, and their engagement in policymaking processes.

### *Languages*

English  
Indonesia

### *I could use some help with...*

Creating maps

### *Personal interests*



## Noxolo Kabane

South Africa,  
Eastern  
Cape -  
Gqeberha

- ✓ Registered as a 1<sup>st</sup> student with the University of the Western Cape
- ✓ Born on Christmas Eve
- ✓ Mother to a pigeon pair
- ✓ Participated in the Mandela Washington Fellowship – Public Management Track at Arizona State University

### Expertise

- ✓ Research & Policy Development in Urban Development
- ✓ Policy and Programme Planning in response to Child Malnutrition in the Eastern Cape.
- ✓ Project Management
- ✓ Strategy Development

### Profile

- ✓ Director in subnational government – policy/ strategy development focusing on youth.
- ✓ Undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in environmental sciences and development studies
- ✓ PhD research focus area: Food & Nutrition Security of vulnerable group – students.
- ✓ Recent publication: ***Health through human settlements: Investigating policymakers' perceptions of human settlement action for population health improvement in urban South Africa***

### *I could use some help with...*

- ✓ Tools for examining the food environment, specifically on the university campus
- ✓ Thoughts around the concept of community fridges and how they interface with the university food environment – by extension food system in response to food and nutrition insecurity

### Languages

English  
IsiXhosa

### Personal interests

Fishing  
Reading  
Baking  
Community Service



## Sikhumbule Kagiso Joni

Infos: University of the Western Cape

School of Public Health

Background in Food Science and Nutrition

<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-3531-6684>

### Expertise

- ✓ Area 1: Food environment
- ✓ Area 2: Indigenous foods

### Profile

I hold a **Master of Science in Nutrition** from the Department of Dietetics at the **University of the Western Cape (UWC)**, where my research focused on the impact of the 2018 listeria outbreak on nutrition quality and dietary patterns in Langa township.

With over **seven years of experience as a Research Assistant** at UWC's **School of Public Health**, I have contributed to multiple multidisciplinary research projects addressing critical food and nutrition security issues. My work has spanned a variety of focus areas, including: **Obesogenic food environments** and their influence on nutritional status, **Sugar tax policy evaluation** and its impact on public health, **National dietary intake studies** to inform evidence-based policy, **Child-directed food marketing** and regulatory compliance

Recently, my research interests have expanded to exploring the **health benefits of indigenous foods**, **indigenous knowledge systems**, and the **cultural acceptability of these foods** as innovative interventions to address the complex challenges of **food and nutrition security** in Southern Africa.

### Languages:

English.  
Xhosa  
Zulu

*I could use some help with ideas on cooperating my research with out disciplines*

*Personal interests:  
Indigenous crops  
and microbiota*



## Arshpreet Kaur Khattrra

Ph.D. Student  
Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering  
Michigan State University, USA

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Food Microbiology & Food Safety
- ✓ Predictive Microbial Modeling & Risk Assessment
- ✓ AI & Machine Learning for Environmental Data Analysis
- ✓ Low-Moisture Foods (LMFs) & Dry Sanitation Technologies

### *Profile*

I am a doctoral researcher focusing on the intersection of food safety engineering and AI-driven environmental monitoring. My research explores novel dry sanitation technologies (UV-C + IR), microbial inactivation in low-moisture foods, and deep learning frameworks for streamflow prediction. I aim to bridge applied food safety challenges with data-driven innovations, contributing to both public health and sustainable environmental systems.

### *I could use some help with...*

- Collaborations on AI/ML applications in food safety
  - Networking with food safety extension professionals
  - Guidance on transitioning from academia to industry R&D

### *Languages*

- English
- Punjabi
- Hindi

### *Personal interests*

Hiking; swimming; gym; shopping and fashion; music





Jing Li

China



Ph.D. in Agricultural Entomology and Pest Control of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences focusing on sustainable strategies to reduce pest damage, crop losses and enhance food quality.

### Expertise

- ✓ Plant protection
- ✓ Insect ecology
- ✓ Chemical Ecology
- ✓ Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

### Profile

- Skilled in gene cloning, protein function research, and insect behavior experiments.
- A plant volatile binding spectrum of odor-binding proteins of *Phthorimaea operculella* has been discovered.
- Exploring the impact of biological control on the safety of crops during the growth period;
- Advocating for IPM-based farming policies to minimize chemical inputs while maximizing food nutritional integrity.

### Languages

English  
Chinese

### *I could use some help with...*

bridging entomology and human nutrition research

### *Personal interests*

Swimming, Zumba



Lima, Peru

**Fiorella Loli**

Ph.D. Candidate in Geography | University of California, Davis  
Master of International Affairs, concentration in Agricultural Policy | Penn State University  
Bachelor in Sociology | Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

*Expertise*

- ✓ Food systems
- ✓ Livelihoods
- ✓ Andean agriculture

*Profile*

I am a Ph.D. Candidate in Geography at UC Davis, and I am part of the Food Systems & Sustainability Lab. My research interests are focused on food systems, family farming, and agroecology, with a particular focus on Latin America. I am an Social Science scholar specialized in Food Systems, Political Ecology, and Feminist Studies of Agriculture. I have work experience related to project management and public policy on mining and sustainability, family farming, and rural development.

*Languages*

- Spanish
- English
- Portuguese

*I could use some help with...*

- Manuscripts writing and publishing
- Grant proposals
- Data analysis (fieldwork stage)

*Personal interests*

- Salsa music
- Dancing
- Outdoors and hiking



## Kamilia Mahloul

I am 26 years old and based in Montpellier, France. I am pursuing a PhD in Health Biology at the PhyMedExp laboratory, where I am starting my third year of doctoral research.

### *Profile*

I hold a Master's degree in Biochemistry from Algiers and a second Master's in Biology and Pharmacology of Aging from Sorbonne University. Motivated by a strong interest in scientific research, I pursued a PhD and am now in my third year at the PhyMedExp laboratory in Montpellier. My doctoral work focuses on translational research, specifically the role of smooth muscle dysfunction in the digestive system within the context of obesity and its metabolic consequences. Passionate about the link between nutrition and chronic diseases, I aim to contribute to innovative strategies that bridge fundamental science and clinical applications.

### *I could use some help with...*

I would like support in collaborating with my cohort to build meaningful connections and contribute to a shared mission.

### *Languages*

- ✓ *French*
- ✓ *English*
- ✓ *Arabic*

### *Personal interests*

My interests include travel, pastry and world cuisine, as well as poetry.

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Molecular & Cellular Biology
- ✓ Nanobiotechnology
- ✓ Histology
- ✓ Bioinformatics & Data Analysis
- ✓ Scientific Communication & Critical Thinking



# Mamphasha Phina Mdaka

[phinamdaka@gmail.com](mailto:phinamdaka@gmail.com); PhD: Animal Science (University of Pretoria)

## Expertise

- Area 1  
Sustainable Layer Chicken Farming Practices in South Africa
- Area 2  
Integration of Poultry Farming with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Area 3  
Egg Production's Role in Public Health, Food Security, and Chronic Disease Prevention

## Profile

I am a second-year PhD candidate in Animal Science focusing on sustainable layer chicken farming practices in South Africa. My research aims to integrate poultry farming with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to advance food security, public health, and environmental sustainability. By exploring the multi-dimensional impacts of egg production, including nutritional benefits, economic empowerment for small-scale farmers, and climate resilience, my work contributes to developing sustainable food systems and promoting community well-being. I employ a mixed-methods approach involving socio-economic analysis, policy review, and primary data collection across key provinces. My research supports the empowerment of rural women and local farmers, fostering equitable and sustainable agricultural development.

## Languages

- English
- Sepedi
- Zulu

## Personal interests

Sustainable agriculture, animal welfare, community economic empowerment, gender equality in farming

## I could use some help with...

- Advanced data analysis of socio-economic and environmental impacts in poultry farming.
- Policy integration strategies for scaling sustainable poultry practices.
- Effective communication and dissemination of research findings to stakeholders and communities.
- Funding



# Zheng Miao

Ph.D. student  
Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering  
University of California, Davis

## Expertise

- ✓ Aquaculture
- ✓ Agriculture
- ✓ Machine Learning
- ✓ Computer Vision

## Profile

I am a second-year Ph.D. student in the Biological Systems Engineering program at the University of California, Davis. My research primarily focuses on applying machine learning techniques to fish monitoring in aquaculture.

## Languages

English  
  
Mandarin

## I could use some help with...

Fish Products in Aquaculture  
Machine Learning

Personal  
interests  
Badminton  
Calligraphy



## Leon Noble

University of  
Leeds, UK

PhD candidate

Topic: Socio-ecological research exploring the impacts of alternative protein adoption in the UK and Europe

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Public health and lifestyle medicine
- ✓ Nutrition and food systems
- ✓ Environmental sustainability and land use
- ✓ Biodiversity and conservation policy

### *Profile*

I have a background spanning philosophy, public health, and environmental science, with experience in both health interventions and sustainability research. My early career focused on designing and evaluating complex public health programmes, from school-based interventions to childhood nutrition studies, where I gained expertise in qualitative and quantitative methods, stakeholder engagement, and applied evaluation. Building on this foundation, my current research explores sustainable food systems, focusing on the land and biodiversity implications of shifting toward alternative proteins in Europe. I am motivated by the challenge of integrating health, food, and environmental perspectives to support more sustainable futures.

### *Languages*

- ✓ English
- ✓ (Survival) French

### *I could use some help with...*

- Learning more about the challenges to food system transformation in global contexts
- Linking prevention-oriented health research with environmental sustainability
- Understanding the relevance of my research to global contexts
- Building a network of diverse interdisciplinary researchers

### *Personal interests*

- Climbing, hiking, volleyball and tennis
- Watching films and live music
- Plant-based cooking / food systems
- Playing Chess/Geoguessr instead of working





Vincent Ogweno

PhD Candidate, Michigan State University  
Department of Geography, Environment & Spatial Sciences

Mfangano  
Island,  
Homa Bay  
County,  
Kenya

GeoAI, Remote  
Sensing, Agricultural  
Climatology, Political  
Ecology

Cropland Mapping,  
Freeze Risk  
Detection,  
Environmental  
Governance,  
Population Studies

I integrate machine learning and remote sensing to map multicropped agricultural landscapes and assess climate impacts. My work spans Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia, blending sensor fusion, ethnography, and geospatial analysis.

Collaborative modeling of cropland systems, scaling up data collection (e.g., VGI, drone, in situ), and publication mentorship.

English,  
Kiswahili,  
Dholuo,  
French (basic)

Community development, food security, blue economy, academic mentorship, and tree-planting campaigns



# Laura Parro Lorente

Spain  
Barcelona

Nutrition and Food Science PhD Student

## Profile

2016-2020 **Degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics** – Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

2020-2021 **Master in Novel Food** – Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

2023-PRESENT **PhD in Food and Nutrition** – Universitat de Barcelona

## Languages

Spanish  
English  
Catalan

## Expertise

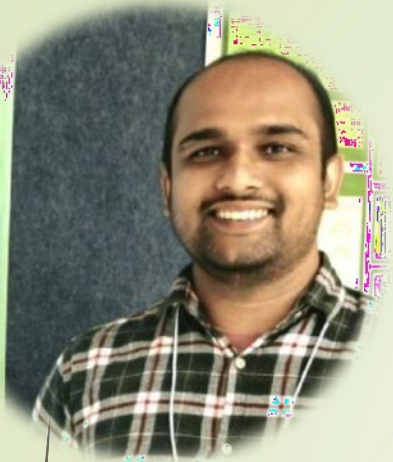
- Nutrition
- Food Science
- Analytical Chemistry
- Chromatographic techniques
- Cell cultures
- Nutritional approach in patients
- Data and questionnaires management

## I could use some help with...

- Informatic skills
- Speak in public
- Efficient time management

## Personal interests

- Sports
- Travelling
- Volunteering
- Cinema
- Teaching – gametization
- Management and events organization



# KRISHNA POUDEL



PhD candidate, Laval University



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[Krishna Poudel | LinkedIn](#)



Nepal

## Expertise

- 🌱 Soil Health & Quality
- ♻️ Carbon & Nitrogen Cycling
- 🥬 Food & Nutritional Quality
- 🌱 Organic & Mineral Fertilization
- 💡 Greenhouse Gas Mitigation
- 💧 Crop Resilience to Drought Stress

## Profile

### Academic

- PhD. in Soils and Environment, Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, Laval University, Quebec, Canada (2023 to present)
- Masters of Science in Agriculture, Department of Horticulture, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Tribuwan University, Nepal in 2021
- Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Tribuwan University, Nepal in 2017

### Professional

- Senior Agriculture Instructor, Shree Triveni Secondary School, Department of Plant Science, Nepal (May, 2021 to December, 2022)
- Senior Agriculture Instructor and Coordinator, Department of Plant Science, Shree Panchayan Secondary School, Nepal (Feb 2018 to May 2021)

### Ongoing project experience

- Organic and mineral amendments impact on C/N cycling, and bioactive constituents of vegetables
- Reducing the reliance of mineral fertilization on vegetable crop production.
- Tillage practice (Reduced vs Conventional) impacts on soil health and C/N cycling.
- Nutritional changes on vegetable crops grown under water deficit conditions
- Role of different fertilizer amendments in greenhouse gas emissions.

### Languages

- ✓ Nepali
- ✓ English
- ✓ Hindi

### Personal interests

- ✓ Novels
- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Movies



## INFO

**NAME: MS MPH O RATSHILINDELA**

**Current Position:** PhD Candidate in Veterinary and tropical diseases

**Institution:** University of Pretoria

**Research Focus:** Molecular detection, genotyping, & epidemiology of Cryptosporidium in livestock and its impact on One Health

**Email:** [\[mratshilindela@gmail.com\]](mailto:mratshilindela@gmail.com)

## EXPERTISE

- Veterinary Parasitology & Infectious Diseases
- **Molecular techniques:** DNA extraction, PCR, sequencing (NGS & sanger sequencing)
- Sequence analysis
- Epidemiological survey & statistical data analysis
- Risk factors assessment using structured questionnaires

## PROFILE

I am a dedicated doctoral candidate pursuing a PhD titled: Detection & Genotyping of Cryptosporidium Species in Neonatal Ruminants (Cattle, Sheep, and Goats) in Free State & Western Cape Provinces Utilizing Next-Generation Sequencing". My research integrates parasitology, molecular & epidemiology to understand the burden, diversity, and zoonic potential of Cryptosporidium in livestock system. The study applies microscopy, PCR, next generation sequencing (NGS), & risk factors analysis to generate molecular epidemiological data for South African agriculture

## I COULD USE SOME HELP WITH...

- Advanced Data analysis
- Statistical Modelling
- Funding Opportunities
- Networking
- Publication strategy

## LANGUAGES

- Tshivenda
- English
- Sepedi

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Animal health & food security
- One health & zoonoses
- Capacity building
- Science communication



## Andrea Rizo Barroso

PhD Candidate in Sociology, University of Barcelona.

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Urban Food Environments
- ✓ Food Security
- ✓ Gender inequalities
- ✓ Right to Food

### *Profile*

I am a second-year PhD researcher in Sociology at the University of Barcelona. My research investigates how gender inequalities shape the food environments of Barcelona and Valencia, focusing on the experiences and needs of women facing food insecurity and the implications for their right to food. My broader interests include urban food systems, social and gender inequalities, and food justice.

I am also a member of FARO (Food Action and Research Observatory), a transdisciplinary initiative at the University of Barcelona that conducts participatory action research to co-produce knowledge with society and advance sustainable, equitable, and just food systems.

### *I could use some help with...*

- Learning from other global cities about comparative perspectives on gender and food.
- Exploring participatory and visual methods, such as Photovoice, for studying lived experiences.
- Learning how to translate research on food security and the right to food into policy and practice.

### *Languages*

Spanish  
Catalan  
English

### *Personal interests*

I enjoy dancing salsa and bachata, reading, traveling and cooking.





## Noah Schlager (Mvskoke, Creole, Jewish)

### *Languages*

English  
Spanish(Intermedio)  
Mvskoke

### *Personal interests*

Hiking  
Outdoors  
Natural history  
Live arts & music  
Cooking  
Fermenting  
My dog

### *Help with...*

International  
perspectives,  
methodologies, and  
horizontal applicability

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Indigenous Food  
Sovereignty
- ✓ Agroecology and  
Agrobiodiversity
- ✓ History of  
Conservation  
Science
- ✓ Farmer Mutual Aid  
Networks
- ✓ Indigenous Seed  
Keeping

I am a PhD student at the University of Arizona's School of Geography, Development, and Environment and Indigenous Data Sovereignty Doctoral Scholar with the Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance.

I'm an Indigenous geographer focused on biodiversity and food sovereignty. In my work I examine the role Indigenous farmers and foresters play in the resurgence of biologically diverse and socially liberatory working lands. I have a background as a seed keeper and conservation farmer, a cvpofv-vfastv, and have collaborated with dozens of communities and seed repositories to return Indigenous seeds to new generations of Indigenous farmers. My scholarship engages Indigenous methodology, conservation science, critical biogeography, counter-mapping, and agrarian studies. In my work with the Collaboratory I support the analysis of seed repository and biodiversity data policy.





## Bruno Lopes Silva

Applied Economics, Univesity of São Paulo.

### *Expertise*

- ✓ Applied Economics;
- ✓ Business;
- ✓ Economic Development;
- ✓ Policies;
- ✓ Food and Nutrition Security;
- ✓ Food systems.

### *Profile*

PhD candidate in Applied Economics (USP), Master in Business and Development and a degree in Home Economics (UFRPE). Develops research on food waste, school feeding programs and other public policies, and is also a member of the National Institute of Science and Technology “Fight Against Hunger”.

### *I could use some help with...*

Systematic literature reviews, research methods, protocol development and application, global economic data and economic analysis.

### *Languages*

Portuguese  
English  
Spanish

### *Personal interests*

Cultural exchange, language learning, gastronomy and the arts.



## Sarah E Veale

Made in Britain  
PhD at the University of York



### Expertise

- ✓ Social Inequalities
- ✓ Maternal & Infant Nutrition
- ✓ Sustainable Food Systems
- ✓ Plant-Based Diets
- ✓ Qualitative Research & Co-Design
- ✓ Food Insecurity & Ultra-Processed Foods
- ✓ Climate & Health Intersections
- ✓ Public Engagement & Science Communication

### Profile

I am a qualitative researcher exploring how intersecting inequalities shape what and how mother–infant dyads are fed in the first 1,000 days of life in the UK. Alongside my PhD, I collaborate on sustainability-focused projects, including food waste in hospitals and the health impacts of climate change. My work is strongly interdisciplinary and bridges public health, sociology, and environmental research.

### Languages

English

### *I could use some help with...*

1. Expanding collaborations across nutrition, sustainability, and health inequalities
2. Opportunities to co-design research with communities and policymakers
3. Developing creative, participatory methods for qualitative research

### *Personal interests*

- ★ Funky earrings
- ★ Don't-follow-a-recipe-cooking
- ★ Playing netball



## Laura Wilmot

*2nd year PhD student in Law from University Laval (Quebec city)  
My director is professor Geneviève Parent and I have a co-director in  
University of Ottawa (Sophie Thériault)*

### Expertise

- ✓ Food law (*food sovereignty, food security and food self-sufficiency*)
- ✓ Indigenous law (*self-determination*)
- ✓ International law (*implementation of UNDRIP*)

### Profile

- Master's in Environmental Law, Food security and sustainable development (LL.M) from University Laval.
- Legal analyst at the First Nations Quebec Labrador Sustainable Development Institute since 2020.
- Lecturer at the Université du Québec in Abitibi-Témiscamingue (Contemporary Indigenous issues and challenges & Regulatory and legal framework for territorial management)

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Footnotes!

### Languages

**French and english** : fluent  
**Spanish, german and dutch** knowledge!

### Personal interests

Yoga, spending time outside with my dog and books!