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EDUCATION

- 2010** **Master of Arts in Sustainable Landscape Planning and Design**
The Conway School
- 2004** **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology**
State University of New York at New Paltz, Summa cum laude, Honors Program Graduate
- 1999-2001** **Major: sociology and architecture**
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2011-present** **Adjunct Faculty**
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
Sustainable Farm and Food Program
- 2017-present** **Instructor**
Regenerate Change, National
- Regenerative Design for Changemakers; 7 week online intensive
- Living Facilitation Frameworks; 4 week online course
- Climate Justice and Adaption for New England Librarians; 16 week online series
- Personal Regeneration and Leadership; half-day online workshop
- Regenerative Design for Changemakers; 2 day-long trainings; *Oakland, CA; Denver, CO; Boston, MA; Greenfield, MA; Amherst, MA; Burlington, VT; Philadelphia, PA; Millerton, NY; Omega Institute; Bard College*
- 2015-present** **Co-Faculty**
Omega Institute's Center for Sustainable Living, Rhinebeck, NY
- Ecological Literacy Immersion Program, leading the Social Change and JEDI modules, 4 week course
- Regenerative Design for Changemakers, 5 day certificate training
- 2011-2020** **Founding Faculty**
Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA
Farm and Food Systems Program
- 2016-2021** **Teacher**
Peer Counseling, Greenfield, MA
Weekly community class focused on anti-racism and allyship
- 2015-2020** **Founding Faculty**
Franklin County House of Corrections, Greenfield, MA
Jail-to-Farm-to-College and Employment Program (accredited)
- 2011-2012** **Teacher**
Vermont Wilderness School, Brattleboro, VT
- Toolbox for Social Justice in Permaculture
- Land Knowledge and Nature Connection
- Permaculture Design Certification
- 2011** **Visiting Faculty**
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- Sustainable Landscape Design

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

- 2017-present** ***Co-founding Director, Regenerate Change, National***
Establish and co-lead a consulting and educational organization focused on ecological and social change
- 2015-2020** ***Program Founder and Coordinator, Jail-to-Farm-to-College and Employment Program; Franklin County House of Corrections, Greenfield, MA***
Lead culture change within jail education department; establish and coordinate accredited hands-on program
- 2016-2019** ***Program Founder, Wellness Program; Franklin County House of Corrections, Greenfield, MA***
Propose vision, develop curriculum, and coordinate guest faculty of holistic healing program
- 2011-2015** ***Program Founder and Coordinator, Farm and Food Systems Program, Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA***
Lead Science and Social Science Departments in creating a new multidisciplinary accredited program; Initiate campus sustainability efforts and coordinate grants, community relations, and academic program
- 2013-2015** ***Co-Founder, SAGE (Sustainable Agriculture & Green Energy) Education Center at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA***
Help establish a new institute focused on sustainability, civic engagement, and workforce development
- 2010-2015** ***Founding Principal, Feeding Landscapes, Northeast USA***
Establish a sustainable landscape design and education business serving private and public clients
- 2013-2018** ***Co-Founder, Franklin County Food Council, Greenfield, MA***
Appointed to create county-wide council focused on food justice efforts in conjunction with community farm
- 2004-2010** ***Founding Board Member and Program Coordinator, Wild Earth, New Paltz, NY***
Co-found and lead staff in a social justice-oriented outdoor education organization
- 2004-2007** ***Founding Instructor and Program Designer, Omega Institute's Teen Camp, Holmes, NY***
Serve on founding leadership team in the first four years of establishment for youth eco-empowerment camp

SELECT CONSULTING PROJECTS

- 2022-2023** ***Strategic Planning Team, Kids First Health Care, Denver, CO; Restorative Justice Education, national***
Analyze stakeholder data, develop assessment reports, and identify key questions for non-profit retreats
- 2021-2022** ***Executive Coaching, Navajo Power, Flagstaff, AZ***
Prioritize JEDI (justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion) for renewable energy sovereignty business on tribal lands
- 2019-2020** ***New Sector Consultant, Farm to Institution New England, New England USA***
Develop Farm to Corrections sector to address public health and structural racism in prisons
- 2017-2021** ***Culture Shift Consultant, Hazon Lab for Sustainability, national***
Advise on JEDI efforts for JOFEE (Jewish Outdoor Food and Environmental Education) programming, fellowships, conferences, and leadership roles
- 2019** ***Strategic Planning Consultant, Jewish Community Farming Field-Building international network***
Advise on strategic planning and develop vision and priorities report
- 2017-2019** ***Strategic Planning Consultant, Santa Fe Oxygen and Healing Bar, Santa Fe, NM***
Develop plan for new earth-based institute within the family business
- 2017-2018** ***Social Design Consultant, WildSeed: A BIPOC Community Farm and Healing Village, Millerton, NY***
Support co-founders in designing organizational change and designing social and physical infrastructure
- 2016-2017** ***Culture-Shift Consultant, University of Massachusetts Auxiliary Services, Amherst, MA***
Plan and facilitate staff engagements focused on creating a work culture of wellness and hyper-local sourcing

ACADEMIC ADVISING AND MENTORING

- 2020, 2023** **Mentor, Place Corps Service Fellowship, Ghent and Kingston, NY**
Support graduate-level projects; lead continuing education on social identity and uprooting white supremacy
- 2011-2015** **Academic Advisor; Service Learning Project Coordinator; Permaculture Club Advisor, Farm and Food Systems Program, Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA**
Advise students in the major; coordinate internship placements and community projects; advise club leaders
- 2013-2014** **Capstone Project Advisor, Living Routes Study Abroad Program: Low Carbon Living, Auroville, India**
Advise students on community-engaged planning, design, and implementation process for food security
- 2007** **College Coach, College Forward Americorps Program, Austin, TX**
Provide academic instruction and college access services to economically disadvantaged Latinx students
- 2004-2005** **Co-Director; Student Advisor, Synthesis, State University of New York at New Paltz, NY and Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, NY**
Support student leaders of an environmental and social justice youth empowerment organization
- 2000** **Mentor, Upward Bound, Meriden, CT**
Provide tutorial support and college applications with a priority to BIPOC students

SELECT CONFERENCES PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2023** **Common Ground Festival Lecture Series, Bard College, Annadale-on-Hudson, NY**
"Social Design Thinking at the Intersection of Land and Food"
- 2021** **Conference on Social and Ecological Infrastructure for Recidivism Reduction, Yale School of Forestry and Boston College, online**
"Designing Local Food Programs in Jails"
- 2020** **The Future of Climate and Racial Justice conference, Fix: Grist Magazine's Solutions Lab, online**
"Racism, Climate Change, and Mass Incarceration"
- 2020** **Five College Consortium (Mt. Holyoke, Amherst, Smith, Hampshire Colleges, and UMass Amherst) Professional Development Workshop, online**
"Personal and Organizational Regeneration for Five College Librarians"
- 2020** **Organizational Development Webinar Series for Librarians, Vermont Community Foundation**
"Intro to Social Permaculture and Whole Systems Assessment Tools"; "Regenerative Network-Building and Designing Organizational Culture Shifts"; "Fractal Community Infrastructure to Catalyze Change"
- 2019** **Sustainability Research Awards Keynote Address, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA**
"Design for Change: An Exploration of Social, Built, and Natural Systems"
- 2019** **Denver Permaculture Design Course Graduation Keynote Address, Denver, CO**
"Leveraging Your Design Toolbox for Social Change"
- 2019** **Jewish Community Farming Field Building Conference Keynote Address, Encinitas, CA**
"Field-Building as Regenerative Practice: Creating Coordinated Culture Shifts"
- 2019, 2017** **Farm to Institution New England Summit, Amherst, MA; Leominster, MA**
"Farm to Corrections Local Food Initiatives"
- 2018** **University of Massachusetts Women Entrepreneurs in the Food System, Amherst, MA**
"Creating an Entrepreneurial Career in the Food System"
- 2018** **JOFFEE (Jewish Outdoor Food and Environmental Educators) Network Gathering, Ortonville, MI**
"Culture Shifting from Charity to Solidarity: Practicing Food Justice with Impacted Communities"

- 2018** **North Country Food Justice Summit, Tupper Lake, NY**
 "Prison Food Justice through an Abolitionist Lens"
- 2017** **Racial Justice Rising Forum, Greenfield, MA**
 "Racism and Religion"
- 2017** **SIT (School of International Training) Graduate Institute, Brattleboro, VT**
 "Social Permaculture Design Applied to Prison Food Justice Projects"
- 2017** **Greenfield Community College Lunch Lecture Series, Greenfield, MA**
 "Lessons Learned in Rwanda: What Can We Learn in the US?"
- 2016, 2019** **JOFEE Network Gathering, Falls Village, CT; Petaluma, CA**
 "Location of Self: Analysis of Power and Privilege"
- 2016** **San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA**
 "Systems Thinking and Food Justice"
- 2016** **Africa Conflict Resolution, Rwandan Fellows Workshop, Kigali, Rwanda**
 "Regenerative Design Tools for Social Change and Reconciliation in Rwanda"
- 2016** **Center for Whole Communities Retreat, Booneville, CA**
 "Whole Measures Assessment for Non-Profit Projects"
- 2015** **Vision 2022 Siach Conference, Jerusalem, Israel**
 "Building our Vision: Tools for Creating a Just and Sustainable Future"
- 2014** **The Conway School, Conway, MA**
 "Permaculture in Southeast India: Growing Food in a Colonized Land of Desertification"
- 2014** **American Association of Community Colleges' SEED (Sustainability Education and Economic Development) Center Webinar**
 "Connecting Sustainability, Student Engagement, and Workforce Development"
- 2013, 2014** **Women in Permaculture Working Retreat, Rhinebeck, NY**
 "Location of Self: Analysis of Power and Privilege"
- 2013** **Yale Food Systems Symposium, New Haven, CT**
 "Permaculture in Academia: Best Practices and Institutional Process"
- 2011** **Williams College Center for Environmental Studies, Williamstown, MA**
 "Municipal Food Systems: Feed Northampton—First Steps Towards a Local Food System"
- 2011** **Smith College Broad-Scale Design and Planning course, Northampton, MA**
 "Municipal Food Systems Planning" and studio guest critic

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2021** **New England Fixer**
 Awarded as a New England Fixer by Grist Magazine for environmental and social justice advancement
- 2018** **Thriving Resilient Communities Grant - The Threshold Foundation**
 "Changemakers Tour" To lead Regenerative Design for Changemakers trainings throughout hubs of social change in the Northeast, USA
- 2018** **Micro Grant for Social Change - The Pollination Project**
 "Regenerative Design for Changemakers" To pilot a new version of the original five day training, Oakland, CA
- 2017** **Community Grant - New England Grassroots Fund**
 "Superbia Series" Delivery of neighborhood resilience planning workshops, Greenfield, MA

- 2016 Professional Fellowship in Tolerance and Conflict Resolution in Uganda and Rwanda- US State Department's Bureau for Educational and Cultural Affairs**
Rwanda placement, in partnership with The Institute for Training and Development and Smith College's School
- 2014-2015 SPECA Grant - USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture**
"Farm and Food Systems Program" To strengthen the pipeline between secondary to post-secondary institutions for students studying sustainable agriculture at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA
- 2014-2015 Advanced Technical Education Grant - National Science Foundation**
"Critical Infrastructure and Instruction" For installation of near zero-net energy greenhouse, water catchment system, and creation related courses at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield, MA
- 2014 Green Hero Award - Greening Greenfield**
Award for regional leadership in sustainability, Greenfield, MA
- 2014 Green Genome Award and Grant - American Association of Community Colleges**
"SEED (Sustainability Education and Economic Development) Center" For campus permaculture garden at Greenfield Community College, Greenfield MA
- 2013-2014 David Bird International Ecological Design Service Fellowship - The Bird Family Foundation and The Conway School**
"Edible Pathways" For ecological leadership in the deforested region of Tamil Nadu, India
- 2013-2014 Federal Perkins Grant**
"Inside Out Program" For training Greenfield Community College faculty to teach courses inside Franklin County House of Corrections paired with organic garden installation, Greenfield, MA
- 2012-2015 Community Food Project Grant - USDA**
"Growing Together" A college / community partnership to increase food equity and access in Greenfield, MA

PUBLICATIONS AND PRODUCTIONS

- 2021 Abrah Dresdale. *Regenerative Design for Changemakers: A Social Permaculture Guide***
2nd Edition. Culture Shift Press, Kingston: NY
- 2021 Abrah Dresdale. *Regenerative Facilitator's Guide. A production of Regenerate Change***
A living systems quick guide to group facilitation for anti-racist entrepreneurs, consultants, and educators
- 2021 Abrah Dresdale, Lila Rimalovski, and Jordan Williams. *Regenerative Climate Justice Curricular Toolkit. A production of Regenerate Change and commissioned by Franklin County House of Corrections***
A toolkit focused on anti-racist, resilient climate solutions, including 24 lesson plans for prison educators
- 2016 Abrah Dresdale. *Jail-to-Farm-to-College & Employment Pathways. Commissioned by Sheriff Donelan***
Educational report to create a multidisciplinary accredited local food program for incarcerated students
- 2015 Abrah Dresdale. "Edible Pathways: Designing Food Security in India" *Context Magazine***
- 2013 Abrah Dresdale, with contributions from Ginevra Bucklin-Lane, Olivia Holcomb and Julia Moore (undergraduate student research team). "The Greenfield Food Study."**
Food equity study commissioned by the Central Connecticut River Valley Institute
- 2013 Abrah Dresdale and Connor Stedman. "Building a Toolbox for Social Permaculture." *Permaculture Activist: Democracy Issue***
- 2011 Abrah Dresdale. "Plans for Fostering a Fertile Future." Commissioned by President Bob Pura, Greenfield Community College**
A special projects report proposing a new academic program focused on local food systems job development
- 2010 Abrah Dresdale, Tom Jandernoa, Josiah Simpson, and Michael Yoken. "Feed Northampton"**
Master's project: a published food security report commissioned by the Northampton Food Resilience Group

SELECT INTERVIEWS

- 2022 Interview with Omega Institute's Center for Sustainable Living. "From the Ground Up: Regenerate the Path to Social Change"
- 2022 Farm to Fork radio show. "Regenerative Frameworks and Social Justice Practices"
- 2021 This Plus That podcast. "Fractals + Free Will: Scales of Changemaking and Personal Agency"
- 2019 Interview with producers of *The Jewish Lunar/Solar Planner*. "We Can Heal From Assimilation"
- 2019 Reality Riffing podcast. "Relevant Activism with Abrah Dresdale"
- 2018 Interview with Omega Institute's Center for Sustainable Living. "Radical Self-Care: The Antidote to Mission Burnout"

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2022 **Coming Home: A Conference of Indigenous Activists, Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY**
Keynote and moderation by author Sherri Mitchell; On decolonization and earth care
- 2021 **The Future of Climate and Racial Justice Conference, online**
Facilitated by Fix: Grist Magazine's Solutions Lab; On the intersection of the climate crisis and racial injustice
- 2020-2021 **Regenerative Women Entrepreneurs 2 Year Cohort, The Carol Sanford Institute, online**
Facilitated by Carol Sanford, author of *The Regenerative Business*, *The Responsible Entrepreneur*, and more
- 2020 **Imagine 2200 Virtual Fix Lab**
Facilitated by Fix: Grist Magazine's Solutions Lab; On climate resilience and new narratives for a just future
- 2011-2020 **Peer Counseling Workshops, Northeast, USA**
- Eliminating Racism
- Black Gentiles and White Ashkenazi Jews in Solidarity
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Oppression and Liberation
- Sexism, Male Domination, and Women's Liberation
- Anti-Jewish Oppression and Liberation
- Class Oppression and Liberation
- 2018 **The Work that Reconnects Training, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA**
Facilitated by author and thought leader, Joanna Macy, PhD; On environmental grief and leadership
- 2017 **Jews in Alliance with Standing Rock Retreat, Rowe, MA**
Facilitated by Mark Morey, Founder of Institute for Natural Learning; On building solidarity with Standing Rock
- 2016 **Restorative Justice Training Series, Brattleboro, VT**
Facilitated by Youth Services' Court Diversion Program; On how to facilitate restorative justice processes
- 2016 **Whole Thinking in Practice Week-Long Retreat, Booneville, CA**
Facilitated by Center for Whole Communities; On creating socially and environmentally just communities
- 2016 **De-colonizing Our Minds and Our Spaces: For Indigenous Sovereignty, Brattleboro, VT**
Facilitated by Abenaki scholars Lisa Brooks, PhD., and Judy Dow; On decolonization in New England
- 2016 **Transforming Conflict Through Face-to-Face Understanding in the Middle East Trip, Palestine**
Facilitated by Encounter Programs; On bringing Palestinians and Jews together as a listening project
- 2015 **Undoing Racism in the Healthcare System Training, Greenfield, MA**
Presented by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond; On analyzing and interrupting structural racism

- 2015, 2018** **Northeast Prison Garden Educator’s Planning Retreat, Arlington, MA, Salisbury, CT**
Facilitated by the New Garden Society; On developing a community of practice for educators
- 2015** **Mass Incarceration and Imagining Alternatives Workshop, Greenfield, MA**
Presented by Racial Justice Rising and Mel Motel of Just Schools Now; On a steps to a post-carceral state
- 2015** **Combatants for Peace Panel, Northampton, MA**
Hosted by Congregation B’nai Israel; Former Israeli Soldiers and Palestinian Fighters Speak about Peace
- 2015** **US Social Forum, Philadelphia, PA**
From Slavery to Mass Imprisonment; Ending Mass Incarceration, Healing from Generational Trauma
- 2014** **Undoing Racism in the Food System Training, Greenfield, MA**
Presented by The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond; On analyzing and interrupting structural racism
- 2008** **Permaculture Design Certification, Austin, TX**
Facilitated by Austin Permaculture Guild; On designing ecological landscapes and appropriate technologies
- 2007** **Eco-Social Studies Internship, Dripping Springs, TX**
At the Stream of Wisdom Institute lead by Rowena Pattee Kryder, PhD
- 2004-2007** **Art of Mentoring Training, Marlboro, VT**
Presented by Vermont Wilderness School; On approaches to earth-based mentoring and community-building

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2017-2018** **Organizer, First Prisons, Farm, and Food conference track, Northeast Farming Association, Amherst, MA**
- 2018** **Co-organizer, Northeast Prison Garden Educators’ Retreat, Salisbury, CT**
- 2017** **Conference Planning Support, Being Fearless: Action in a Time of Disruption, Omega Institute’s Center for Sustainable Living, Rhinebeck, NY**
- 2017** **Organizer, Host, “Listening Project” for SIT (School for International Training) graduate students (spring semester) and Rwandan Africa Conflict Transformation Fellows (fall semester) at Franklin County House of Corrections, Greenfield, MA**
- 2017** **Organizer, Cultural Regeneration and Healing from Genocide in Rwanda: Hearing from Three Rwandan Changemakers, Omega Institute, Rhinebeck, NY**
- 2013-2014** **Member, David Bird International Fellowship Committee, Conway, MA**
- 2011-2014** **Member, Local Food Resilience Committee, Franklin Community Cooperative, Greenfield, MA**
- 2011-2013** **Member, PVGrow’s Higher Education Working Group, Connecticut River Valley, MA**