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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

- 2024 – present **New York University** – Office of the Senior Vice President for University Life and Global Engagement
Faculty Fellow-in-Residence.
- 2019 – present **New York University** – Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service
Assistant Clinical Professor of Urban Planning and Public Service.
- 2020 – present **New York University** – Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service
Director of Urban Planning.
- Fall 2022 **Sorbonne Université – Paris, France**
Visiting Professor of Urban Planning.
- 2019 – 2020 **New York University** – Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service
co-Director of Urban Planning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2010 – present **Pinchina Consulting, LLC**
Founding Principal.
- 2014 – 2015 **Tishman Environment and Design Center**
Graduate Research Assistant.
- 2011 – 2012 **The American Institute of Architects**
Manager, Public Policy.
- 2009 – 2010 **Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy**
Graduate Research Assistant.
- 2009 **New York City Office of Financial Empowerment**
Policy Consultant.

EDUCATION:

The New School

Ph.D., Public and Urban Policy.

The University of Maryland – College Park

Ph.D. student, Urban and Regional Planning and Design.

New York University – Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service

Master of Urban Planning.

Brandeis University

B.A. *Magna Cum Laude*, African and African American Studies; American Studies.

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-Reviewed

Deane, Vanessa L. (2023). “Thoughts on Climate Financing, Post-Colonialism, and

Climate Adaptation in the Eastern Caribbean Region.” *Kalfou: A Journal of Comparative and Relational Ethnic Studies*, Vol 10(2).

Deane, Vanessa L. (2023). “The French Case for Climate Justice in the Caribbean.” *Le Climatoscope*, Vol 5, 116-119.

Deane, Vanessa L. (2023). “A Five-Year Case Study Analysis of USAID Local Governance Programming and Public Investment Spending in Post-Earthquake Haiti.” *World Development Perspectives*, Vol 32, 100546.

Deane, Vanessa L. (2021). “Towards a Decentralized Haitian State: The Promises and Shortcomings of the Post-Duvalier Constitution of 1987.” *The Journal of Haitian Studies*, 27(1), 38-64.

Working Paper (student collaborator)*

Deane, Vanessa L. and Dutta, Ritwick.* “Post-Colonial Institutional Arrangements and Climate Adaptation Planning in the French Overseas Department of Guadeloupe.”

Other Publications

Deane, Vanessa L. & Ramel, Jason.* (2022). “Crisis Leadership in Barbados During the Initial Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Natural Hazards Center Quick Response Grant Report Series*, 345. Boulder, CO: Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder.

Available at: <https://hazards.colorado.edu/quick-response-report/crisis-leadership-in-barbados-during-the-initial-response-to-the-covid-19-pandemic>

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2023 American Institute of Certified Planners. *American Planning Association*.
- 2022 Outstanding Decentralization Paper Award for Latin America and the Caribbean. *Local Public Sector Alliance*.
- 2020 Professor of the Year. *New York University – Wagner*.
- 2018 Impact Award – Young Women Rising. *American Women for International Understanding*.
- 2015 Top 5 Haitian-Americans to Watch. *The Haitian Roundtable*.
- 2014 40 Urban Leaders Under 40. *Next City*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2022 Public Voices Fellowship. *The OpEd Project*. New York.
- 2020 Quick Response Research Grant Program. *Natural Hazards Center*. Barbados.
- 2015 Haiti Future Leaders Fellowship – Jean Price-Mars Class. *The Embassy of Haiti, Washington D.C.* Port-at-Prince, Haiti.

INVITED LECTURES:

- 2022 “Disaster Planning and Climate Change in a Caribbean Context.” *Sorbonne Université*. Paris, France. December 5th.

- 2017 “A Retrospective of Recent U.S. Foreign Policy in Haiti.” *CUNY – Brooklyn College*. Brooklyn, NY. March 28th.
- 2017 “Decentralization, Governance and Development in Haiti.” *Long Island University*. Brooklyn, NY. January 21st.
- 2013 “Moving Towards ‘Mutually Beneficial Cooperation’ with China in the Caribbean.” *University of Technology*. Kingston, Jamaica. September 26th.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES:

- 2024 “Institutional Arrangements, Multi-level Governance, and Climate Change: The Impact of Post-Colonialism on Climate Adaptation Planning in Guadeloupe.” *25th Annual Conference of the Sir Arthur Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies (SALISES) – Translating Thought into Action: Towards Decolonial Equity and Justice in the Caribbean*. University of the West Indies – Mona Campus. Kingston, Jamaica.
- 2023 “Inclusive by Design – Creating Resilient and Equitable Communities.” *Caribbean Women for Climate Justice*. Virtual Conference.
- 2023 “World Humanity and Economy: Haiti – Dreams Deferred but Not Forgotten.” *Institute on Race, Power, and Political Economy*. The New School. New York, NY.
- 2017 “Decentralization in Post-Duvalier Haiti: An Illusive Promise.” *29th Annual Conference of the Haitian Studies Association*. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 “Decentralization, Governance and Development in Haiti.” *International Conference of the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management*. Brussels, Belgium.
- 2016 “Decentralization, Institutional Development, and Planning in Haiti.” *41st Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association*. Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- 2016 “Fiscal Decentralization and Institutional Development in Post-Earthquake Haiti.” *8th Annual Krueckeberg Doctoral Conference in Urban Studies, Urban Planning and Public Policy*. Rutgers University. New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2013 “Cultural Identity in Haiti’s Public Squares.” *Inaugural ‘Biennial Celebration of Public Space in the Americas’ Symposium*. 2013 National Planning Conference of the American Planning Association. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “Engaging China in the Caribbean.” *2013 Caribbean Urban Forum*. Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS:

- 2021 “Cities After COVID-19.” *Institute for Public Knowledge*. New York University. April 8th.
- 2021 “Global Urban Careers Panel.” *Provost Office*. New York University. March 2nd.
- 2020 “Struggles of the American City.” *Inter-Residence Hall Council*. New York University. November 29th.
- 2020 “Crisis and Environmental Conservation: Leadership and Equity in Disaster

- Management.” *Environmental and Racial Justice Incubator*. New York University. September 23rd.
- 2020 “From Hollis, New York to Haiti: My Journey to Becoming an Urban Planner.” *College and Career Lab*. New York University. July 28th.
- 2020 “(Un)Natural Disasters, Community Resilience, and Public Service.” *WagTalk*. New York University – Wagner. April 3rd.
- 2019 “From Sun, Sand and Sea to NYC: The Making of a Caribbean Diaspora.” *Urban Planning ‘State of the Field’ Luncheon Series*. New York University – Wagner. October 10th.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

New York University

Capstone: Advanced Projects in International Development Policy and Management (Masters).

Decentralized Development Planning and Policy Reform in Developing Countries (Masters).

Emergencies, Disasters, and Cities (Undergraduate).

Management and Leadership (Masters).

Planning for Emergencies and Disasters (Masters).

Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in American Cities (Masters).

CUNY – Queens College

Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration (Undergraduate; Masters).

Race, Place, and Space (Masters).

CUNY – Hunter College

Land Use, People, and the Environment (Masters).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Caribbean Urban Forum (2022 Editorial Committee Member).

Journal of Haitian Studies (Referee).

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Institute of Certified Planners.

American Planning Association.

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.

Caribbean Climate Justice Alliance.

Caribbean Studies Association.

Haitian Studies Association.

National Council of Negro Women.

Townsend Harris Alumni Association.