VANESSA L. DEANE, Ph.D., AICP

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EDUCATION:

The New School
- Ph.D., Public and Urban Policy.

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.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

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

Associate Clinical Professor of Urban Planning and Public Service (2025 – present)
- Research and teach on the political economy of disasters with a primary emphasis on post-colonial French-speaking Caribbean countries.
- Teach a revamped "History and Theory of Planning" urban planning core course, which now includes a mandatory writing recitation.
- Teach sections of the schoolwide "Management and Leadership" core course.

Director of Urban Planning (2019 – 2026)
- Spearheaded the 2024-2025 Reaccreditation Self-Study Report, including authoring the planning program's 2025-2031 Strategic Plan.
- Promoted curriculum development, supported student advising, and ensured ongoing stakeholder engagement.
- Represented the program in all internal and external engagements, including but not limited to current and prospective students, program faculty, staff, and employers.

Assistant Clinical Professor of Urban Planning and Public Service (2019 – 2025)
- Relaunched and taught the "Planning for Emergencies and Disasters" elective, where nine of the eleven students selected for NYC's Department of Emergency Management's prestigious John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service from 2020-2025 were students of this course.
- Advanced curricular development by revamping the "History and Theory of Planning," urban planning core course, and also creating an urban planning-specific section of the schoolwide "Management and Leadership" requirement.

Pinchina Consulting, LLC

Founding Principal (2010 – present)
- Provide culturally relevant, locally appropriate urban planning, community engagement, and policy-driven research and support to evolving communities, government entities, and other stakeholders across various stages of development.
- Served as the senior urban planning consultant on the historic redevelopment of the Flatbush Central Caribbean Market in Brooklyn, NY.

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

Deane, Vanessa L. "The Implications of Post-Colonial Institutional Arrangements on Climate Adaptation Planning in the French Overseas Department of Guadeloupe."

Other Publications (student collaborator)*

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.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Outstanding Decentralization Paper Award for Latin America and the Caribbean. *Local Public Sector Alliance* (2021/2022).
- Professor of the Year. *New York University – Wagner* (2020).
- Impact Award – Young Women Rising. *American Women for International*
- *Understanding* (2018).
- Top 5 Haitian-Americans to Watch. *The Haitian Roundtable* (2015).
- 40 Urban Leaders Under 40. *Next City* (2014).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- Faculty-Fellow-in-Residence. *New York University* (2024 – present).
- Public Voices Fellowship. *The OpEd Project.* New York (2022).
- Quick Response Research Grant Program. *Natural Hazards Center.* Barbados (2020).
- Haiti Future Leaders Fellowship – Jean Price-Mars Class. *The Embassy of Haiti, Washington D.C.* Port-at-Prince, Haiti (2015).

PUBLIC SERVICE:

- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.
- National Council of Negro Women.

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:

2025 "Institutional Arrangements, Multi-level Governance, and Climate Justice Considerations for Non-Sovereign Overseas Territories of the European Union."
Transnational Conversations: Heritage, Memory, Climate, and Reparatory Justice in the Caribbean, Europe, and Beyond. Leiden University. Leiden, Kingdom of the Netherlands.

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:

2025 "Opening Fireside Chat with Peggy Shepard, Co-Founder and Executive Director of WE ACT." *Environmental and Racial Justice Network: Spring Summit.* New York University.

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 (Graduate).
- Decentralized Development Planning and Policy Reform in Developing Countries (Graduate).
- Emergencies, Disasters, and Cities (Undergraduate).
- History and Theory of Planning (Graduate).
- Management and Leadership (Graduate).
- Planning for Emergencies and Disasters (Graduate).
- Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender in American Cities (Graduate).

City University of New York – Queens College

- Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration (Undergraduate/Graduate).
- Race, Place, and Space (Graduate).

City University of New York – Hunter College

- Land Use, People, and the Environment (Graduate).

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.
- Suzuki Association of the Americas.
- Townsend Harris Alumni Association.