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KEY STRENGTHS:

- **4+ languages:** fluent reading/writing English, Spanish, Italian; fluent reading French, Catalan, Portuguese
- **9 years overseas**
- **Integrator** among diverse sectors, disciplines, roles, methodologies, cultures, and languages
- **16 years of professional experience in language services; academia/research; and private sector roles**
- **Strong writer and communicator** with experience writing, editing, publishing, translating, speaking, and presenting
- **Unmatched work ethic**, dedication, and enthusiasm for learning; eager for continued development, expansion, and growth
- **Original blend** of intellectual engagement, practical acumen, creativity, and social commitment
- **Adaptable, flexible**, and eager to engage new ideas, experiences and opportunities

EDUCATION

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY (2011 – 2016)

Ph.D. (Geography & Planning, Food Systems & Food Security research group)

Dissertation: "[*Toward a Dignified Food Security?*](#) Discourses of Dignity, Development and Culture in New York City and Bogotá" (2016).

UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA (2008-2010)

Master, History and Culture of Food, 30/30 con lode

Thesis: "[*Percepciones de alimentación y salud*](#) entre inmigrantes latinos y catalanes en Barcelona (2010)

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME (1997-2001)

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

(GPA 3.87/4.00, Summa Cum Laude, Academic All-America)

KEY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASHE LANGUAGE SERVICES: TRANSLATION & LANGUAGE CONSULTANCY (2008-present)

Writing, Editing, Translation, and Instruction: Services in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Catalan

- Translate, review, comment, and edit academic, scientific, and professional texts for publication
- Deliver strategic proposal development and funding application advice
- Teach personalized English lessons and language mentor scholars and professionals of other mother tongues

REILLY CENTER FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND VALUES (2017-2018)

University of Notre Dame

Visiting Post-Doctoral Scholar, Knowing Violence project

- Study and write a series of articles that interlocute radical critiques of technic modernity (e.g., Illich, Ellul); decolonial critique at the modernity/coloniality joiner (e.g., De Sousa Santos, Dussel, Grosfoguel, Escobar, Mignolo); and historical critiques of medical and scientific knowledge (e.g., Foucault).

REILLY CENTER FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND VALUES (2016-2017)

University of Notre Dame

Undergraduate Programs Coordinator

- Coordinate the Science, Technology, and Values (STV) undergraduate minor and the Arts & Letters / Engineering Dual Degree Program; plan courses; advise students; produce extracurricular programs and events
- Lead project to assess, refine, and mission-orient the Center's curricular and extracurricular programming
- Support affiliate programs via guest lecturing and project leadership

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY / PUREFOOD Network (2011 – 2014)

Marie Curie Research Fellow

- Researched and published in themes related to food security and sustainability, urban food systems, and human rights
- Coordinated the Winter School in Agri-Food Studies (Barcelona), a two-week intensive program on food system justice
- Served as visiting scholar at the Centro Interdisciplinario de Estudios de Desarrollo (CIDER) (Bogotá, Colombia) and at the Università di Pisa (Italy), conducting research, collaborating with international colleagues, and delivering lectures

WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP) (May-July 2013)

Full-time volunteer with School Feeding Unit, WFP Headquarters (Rome)

- Led analytical and editorial dimensions of producing case study texts on the transition of school feeding programs to national ownership
- Supported colleagues with research, report and presentation preparation, and consultancy in school feeding projects

FUNDACIÓN ALÍCIA ("FOOD AND SCIENCE" FOUNDATION) (2009)

OBSERVATORIO DE ALIMENTACIÓN ("FOOD OBSERVATORY") (2009-2010)

Researcher

- Applied mixed-methods investigative approach to optimize cooking methods for application in hospital diets
- Delivered technical support to and learned from leading international chefs, scientists, and subject matter experts
- Produced a novel analysis of questionnaire data on changing food consumption and health patterns in Spanish families
- Supported projects on school food, community and school gardens, and territorial product marketing

MOOG AIRCRAFT GROUP (2004-2007)

Associate Product Engineer

- Solved technical problems and designed solutions collaboratively with engineers, technicians, customers, and vendors to troubleshoot, manufacture, and deliver high-precision V-22 and Blackhawk helicopter components
- Wrote, edited, and delivered qualification, failure analysis, and engineering investigation reports and presentations
- Led effort to create and implement an innovative Web 2.0-based training program for incoming Moog engineers

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS (2001-2003)

Admissions Counselor

- Coordinated a regional admissions territory: recruited students; evaluated applications; and made admissions decisions
- Delivered daily presentations representing the University to diverse stakeholder groups
- Managed website content; created and edited electronic newsletter for prospective applicants; developed print publications

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- European Union Marie Curie Fellow (PUREFOOD project, 2011-2014); Marie Curie Alumni Association Micro One-World Grant (2017);
- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar (2008-2009)
- Academic All-America (2001)
- Tau Beta Pi (national engineering honor society); Pi Tau Sigma (national mechanical engineering honor society); Notre Dame Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

(For updates and full downloads, please see my [Academia](#), [Researchgate](#), and [LinkedIn](#) profiles.)

Sonnino, R., Spayde, J. and **Ashe, L.** (2016). [Políticas Públicas e a construção de mercados: percepções a partir de iniciativas de merenda escolar](#). In Marques, F., Conterato, M., and Schneider, S., *Construção de mercados para a agricultura familiar: desafios para o desenvolvimento rural*. Porto Alegre: Editora da UFRGS, 2016.

Ashe, Leah M. & Sonnino, Roberta. (2013). [At the crossroads: New paradigms of food security, public health nutrition and school food](#). *Public Health Nutrition*, v. 16, n. 6, pp. 1020-1027.

Ashe, Leah M. & Sonnino, R. (2013). [Convergence in Diversity](#): New York City School Food and the Future of the Food Movement. *International Planning Studies*, v. 18, n. 1, pp. 61-77.

Benito, Pere (2012). Food Systems. **Translated by Leah Ashe.** 37-56. In *A Cultural History of Food*. Ed. Fabio Parasecoli and Peter Scholliers. 6 Volumes. London and New York: Berg, 2012. *Volume II: A Cultural History of Food in the Medieval Age*. Ed. Massimo Montanari.

Montanari, Massimo (2012). Introduction. **Translated by Leah Ashe.** 1-18. In *A Cultural History of Food*. Ed. Fabio Parasecoli and Peter Scholliers. 6 Volumes. London and New York: Berg, 2012. *Volume II: A Cultural History of Food in the Medieval Age*. Ed. Massimo Montanari.

Ashe, Leah M. (2011). [Alimentación, Consumo y Salud](#). *Food, Culture and Society*. Volume 14, Number 3, September 2011, pp. 440-443(4).

Ashe, Leah. (2009). La diplomazia culinaria. *Corriere della Sera, Edizione Bologna*. 24 January. Section *Tempo Libero*, p. 13.

Gu, X., Renaud, J.E., **Ashe, L.M.**, Batill, S.M., Budhiraja, A.S., Krajewski, L.J. (2002). Decision Based Collaborative Optimization, *ASME Journal of Mechanical Design*, Volume 124, Number 1, March, pp. 1-13, Published by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, USA.

DISSERTATIONS

Ashe, Leah M. (2016). *“Toward a Dignified Food Security? Discourses of Dignity, Development and Culture in New York City and Bogotá.”* Ph.D. dissertation (unpublished). Also available at [ORCA](#).

Ashe, Leah M. (2010). *Percepciones de alimentación y salud entre inmigrantes latinos y catalanes en Barcelona*. Master’s dissertation (unpublished).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Ashe, Leah M. and Peter Breggin (2018). “Episode n. 342: Leah Ashe.” Dr. Peter Breggin Hour. *Progressive Radio Network*. New York City: PRN, [www.prn.fm](#). Feb 28, 2018 – Mar 1, 2018. Available at [http://prn.fm/dr-peter-breggin-hour-03-01-18/](#) and [https://breggin.com/guests-on-the-dr-peter-breggin-hour/](#).

Ashe, Leah M. (2017). *“Knowing food, knowing men: Reflections on food, knowledge, and violence.”* Presentation at *L’Institut Européen D’Histoire et des Cultures de L’Alimentation (IEHCA) Université d’Été*, Tours, France, 28 August – 2 September 2017. Video at [https://youtu.be/jGTja5P0XFQ](#).

Ashe, Leah M. (2017). *“Knowing violence: Psychiatric hegemony and the corruption of care.”* Presentation at the *European Association of Social Anthropology - Medical Anthropology Network Conference*, Lisbon, Portugal, 5-7 July 2017. Video at [https://youtu.be/K32VKm2MgTM](#).

Ashe, Leah M. (2012). The food security discourse: New York, Bogotá, and the Differentiated Framing of the New Food Security Project. *AESOP Sustainable Food Planning Conference IV*. Paper Presentation. Berlin, Germany.

Ashe, Leah M. (2012). *El discurso entorno la seguridad alimentaria*: New York, Bogotá, y el Nuevo Proyecto de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutricional. *CIDER Seminario*. Invited lecture. Bogotá, Colombia.

Ashe, Leah M. (2012). La nueva seguridad alimentaria. Invited lecture. *Día Mundial de la Alimentación*. Bogotá, Colombia.

Ashe, Leah M. (2012) School food in the cities: Planning for food and nutrition security in the New Food Equation. *Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) Marie Curie Actions Conference*. Poster presentation (1st place). Dublin, Ireland.

Ashe, Leah M. (2012). Planning for food and nutrition security: Cities, schools, and the New Food Equation. *Joint Conference of the Agriculture and Human Values Society and the American Society for Food Studies*. Paper presentation. New York, USA.

Cohen, N., K. Kessler, J. Wurwarg, and **L. Ashe** (2012) Constructing sustainable food systems: Urban-Rural Linkages. *Joint Conference of the Agriculture and Human Values Society and the American Society for Food Studies*. Invited panelist. New York, USA.

Ashe, Leah M. (2012). The new food security. Invited lecture. *Food policy program*. The New School University. New York, USA.

Ashe, Leah M. (2011). Adding the R: New York City School Food and the Mobilizing Food Movement. *AESOP Food Studies Group International Conference*. Paper presentation. Cardiff, UK.

Ashe, Leah M. (2010). Visiones de salud entre inmigrantes latinos y catalanes en Barcelona. *Conference of the International Commission on the Anthropology of Food*. Poster presentation. Bilbao, Spain.

Ashe, Leah M. (2010). Cambiando estructuras de comidas familiares y visiones de dieta y salud. *X Jornadas de doctorado e investigación del Observatorio de la Alimentación*. Barcelona, Spain.