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KEY STRENGTHS:

- **4+ languages:** fluent English, Spanish, Italian; working French, Catalan, Portuguese
- **10 years overseas**
- **Integrator** among diverse sectors, disciplines, roles, methodologies, cultures, and languages
- **17 years of professional experience in academia/research; language services; and technical roles**
- **Strong writer and communicator** with experience editing, publishing, translating, speaking, and presenting
- **Original blend** of intellectual engagement, practical acumen, creativity, and social commitment
- **Adaptable, flexible**, and eager to engage new ideas, experiences, and opportunities
- **Stubborn commitment to my friends**

EDUCATION

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY (2011 – 2016)

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

(Marie Curie Fellow)

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 & RESEARCH SERVICES (2008-present), www.leahashe.com

Research, Analysis, Editing, Translation, and Web Development: Services in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Catalan

- Translate, review, revise, comment, and edit academic, scientific, and professional texts for publication.
- Translated, edited Italian medievalist Antonella Campanini's book *Food Cultures in Medieval Europe*, in press with PIE Lang
- Create research briefs for private and third-sector clients.
- Front-end web development (experience in HTML, CSS, Javascript, Bootstrap, and Wordpress)

DOVETAIL LABS (2018-present)

Contract researcher

- Produced major research briefs for leading tech company on the social and ethical responses to artificial intelligence (AI) in Spain and Italy; on the GDPR; and on ethical pluralism

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

University of Notre Dame

Visiting Post-Doctoral Scholar, Knowing Violence project

- Research and intervene in radical critiques of technic modernity (e.g., Illich, Ellul); decolonial critique (e.g., Santos, Dussel, Grosfoguel, Escobar, Mignolo); and critiques of medical and scientific knowledge (e.g., Foucault).
- Created three conference papers and corresponding creative videos, one published journal article, and one UN Communication in the *Knowing Violence* series.

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

University of Notre Dame

Undergraduate Programs Coordinator

- Coordinated the Science, Technology, and Values (STV) and the Arts & Letters/Engineering Dual-Degree Programs; planned courses; advised students; produced extracurricular programs and events.
- Led project to assess, refine, and orient to the Center's mission curricular and extracurricular programming.
- Supported affiliate programs via guest lecturing and project leadership.

CARDIFF UNIVERSITY / PUREFOOD Network (2011 – 2014)

Marie Curie Early-Stage Research (ESR) Fellow

- Researched and published on themes related to food security/sustainability, human rights; discourse; and postdevelopment;
- Coordinated (led) the Winter School in Agri-Food Studies (Barcelona, 2012), a two-week intensive program on food system justice; and helped to organize (as acting committee member) the AESOP Food Planning Conference (Berlin, 2012).
- 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)

Seconded to the School Feeding Unit, WFP Headquarters (Rome)

- Led the analytical and editorial work of a case study text on the transition of school feeding programs to national ownership.
- Supported colleagues with research, report, and presentation preparation; and consulted on school feeding projects.

FUNDACIÓN ALÍCIA (“FOOD AND SCIENCE” FOUNDATION) (2009)

OBSERVATORIO DE ALIMENTACIÓN (“FOOD OBSERVATORY”), Universitat de Barcelona (2009-2010)

Researcher

- Applied mixed-methods investigative approaches to optimize cooking methods for application in hospital diets.
- Delivered technical support to and learned from leading international chefs, physical scientists, and social scientists.
- 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 introduced design 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 first electronic newsletter for prospective applicants; developed print publications.

MAJOR HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

- European Union Marie Curie Fellow (2011-2014); Marie Curie Alumni Association Micro One-World Grants (2017, 2018)
- 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 accessible downloads, please see my [Academia](#), [Researchgate](#), and [LinkedIn](#) profiles.)

Campanini, Antonella. (2019). *Food cultures in medieval Europe*, Translated by Leah M. Ashe. PIE Lang: Brussels. ISBN [9782807610743 pbk](#). Available at <https://www.peterlang.com/abstract/title/68393>.

Ashe, Leah M. (2018a). [The compromised, colonized discourse of alternative food](#). *Revista Colombiana de Sociologia*, v. 41, n. 2. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15446/rcs.v41n2.70171>.

Sonnino, R., Spayde, J. and Ashe, L. (2016a). [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. (2013a). [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. (2013b). [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 (2012a). Food Systems. **Translated by Leah Ashe.** 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](#), pp. 37-56. Ed. Massimo Montanari.

Montanari, Massimo (2012b). Introduction. **Translated by Leah Ashe.** 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](#), pp. 37-56. 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.

DISSERTATIONS

Ashe, Leah M. (2016b). [“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, INVITED LECTURES, & UN Communications

Ashe, Leah M. (2018). [“Communication regarding women deprived of liberty.”](#) UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Working Group on Discrimination against Women, [Report on Women Deprived of Liberty](#). 1 Oct 2018.

Ashe, Leah M. (2018c). [“Communication regarding the violation of the human rights of women in the United Kingdom.”](#) UN Commission on the Status of Women (UN Women). 1 August 2018. Communication available at https://www.academia.edu/37256101/Ashe_2018_-_Communication_to_UN_Commission_on_the_Status_of_Women and Appendices at <https://drive.google.com/open?id=IoywKVckF5bZYsd3H-dJVsuVoInIRPnKR>.

Ashe, Leah M. (2018d). [“He, she, we, they, and it: The subjects of food and torture.”](#) Presentation at International Conference on Food History and Cultures, *Institut Européen D’Histoire et des Cultures de L’Alimentation (IEHCA)*, Tours, France, 7-8 June 2018. Also available in video (<https://www.youtube.com/user/lashend/>) version.

Ashe, Leah M. and Peter Breggin (2018e). [“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.

Ashe, Leah M. (2017a). [“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. (2017b). [“Knowing violence: Scientific 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.