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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Fall 2022	Sorbonne Université – Paris Visiting Professor of Urban Planning.
2020 – present	New York University – Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service Director of Urban Planning.
2019 – present	New York University – Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service Assistant Clinical Professor of Urban Planning and Public Service.
2019 – 2020	New York University – Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service co-Director of Urban Planning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2010 – present	Pinchina Consulting, LLC Founder + Chief Executive Officer.
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. (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 Papers (student collaborator)*

- Deane, Vanessa L. "Subnational Governance and Local Public Service Delivery in Post-Earthquake Haiti: A Five-Year Case Study Analysis."
- Deane, Vanessa L., and Jason Ramel*. "Crisis Leadership in Barbados During the Initial Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Other Publications

- Léon, Vanessa. "Believe it or Not, Deforestation in Haiti is Not About Trees." *Haitian Times*. 29 May 2013.
- Léon, Vanessa. "How Can Haiti Better Leverage Its Diaspora?" *Haitian Times*. 4 May 2013.
- Léon, Vanessa. "Rebranding a Nation: Haitian Lives Should Benefit from Tourism." *Haitian Times*. 22 Feb 2013.
- Léon, Vanessa. "Beyond Independence, Can Haiti Win the Battle for Its Future?" *Haitian Times*. 10 Jan 2013.
- Léon, Vanessa. "In Honduras, New Cities for Old Problems." *Urban Times*. 19 Sept 2012.
- Léon, Vanessa. "Demolition Without a Plan – The Future of Haiti's National Palace." *Urban Times*. 28 Aug 2012.
- Léon, Vanessa. "What is Decentralization Really?" *Urban Times*. 21 Aug 2012.
- Léon, Vanessa. "Public Investments through Private Means." *Urban Times*. 13 Aug 2012.
- Léon, Vanessa. "Rethinking Caribbean Destinations." *Urban Times*. 13 Aug 2012. Online.
- Léon, Vanessa. "Urbanization Is Not the Problem (Dealing with It Is)." *Urban Times*. 25 Jul 2012.
- Léon, Vanessa. "From Developing to Developing: China Infrastructure and the Americas." *Urban Times*. 17 Jul 2012.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2021-2022 **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:

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

INVITED LECTURES:

- 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.” *Les Défis du Développement d’Haïti*. 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.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 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.
- 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.” New York University Provost Office. March 2nd.
- 2020 “Struggles of the American City.” New York University Inter-Residence Hall Council. November 29th.
- 2020 “Crisis and Environmental Conservation: Leadership and Equity in Disaster Management.” New York University Environmental and Racial Justice Incubator. September 23rd.
- 2020 “From Hollis, New York to Haiti: My Journey to Becoming an Urban Planner.” New York University College and Career Lab. July 28th.
- 2020 “(Un)Natural Disasters, Community Resilience, and Public Service.” WagTalk. April 3rd.
- 2019 “From Sun, Sand and Sea to NYC: The Making of a Caribbean Diaspora.” Urban Planning ‘State of the Field’ Luncheon Series. 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:

- 2022 Caribbean Urban Forum (Editorial Committee Member).
- Journal of Haitian Studies (Referee).

SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- American Planning Association.
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning.
- Caribbean Studies Association.
- Donors of Color Network – Black, Indigenous, People of Color Climate and Energy Justice PhDs.
- Haitian Studies Association.
- International Universities Climate Alliance.
- Townsend Harris Alumni Association.
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Inclusive Policy Lab.