

Luisa Veronis

LANGUAGES

French	First language
English	Second language
Spanish	Fluent (oral and written)
Greek	Fluent (oral)
German	Fluent (oral)

EDUCATION

2000 – 2005	Ph.D. (Degree awarded: June 2006) Department of Geography, University of Toronto. “Rethinking Transnationalism: Citizenship and Immigrant Participation in Neoliberal Toronto”. Supervisor: Susan M. Ruddick.
1998 - 1999	Master’s of Arts Department of Geography, University of Toronto. Thesis: “Exploring the Margin: the Borders between Regent Park and Cabbagetown”. Supervisor: Susan M. Ruddick.
1994 – 1997	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Department of Anthropology, McGill University. Thesis: “The nature/culture opposition: the ambiguities in the human relationship to nature”. Supervisor: John Galaty.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

Forthcoming	“The Canadian Hispanic Day Parade, or how Latin American immigrants practice (sub)urban citizenship in Toronto”. Invited paper for a special issue guest-edited by Helga Leitner and Patricia Erhkamp on “Transnationalism, Citizenship, and Immigrant Incorporation” in <i>Environment and Planning A</i> .
Accepted with minor revisions	“Strategic Spatial Essentialism: Latin Americans’ real and imagined geographies of belonging in Toronto”, <i>Social and Cultural Geography</i> .

Book Reviews

2003	Halli, Shiva S. and Leo Driedger. Eds. 1999. <i>Immigrant Canada. Demographic, Economic, and Social Challenges</i> . In <i>Urban Geography</i> , Vol. 24 (4). Bellwether Publishing, Ltd.
2000	Blomley, Nicholas K. 1994. <i>Law, Space and the Geographies of Power</i> . In <i>Critical Sociology</i> , Vol. 26 (1/2). Brill Academic Publishers.

Professional Reports

- 2001 Susan M. Ruddick, Deborah Cowen, and Luisa Veronis. *Halifax and Edmonton: the View of Stakeholders*. Human Resources Development Canada
- 2000 Habitat-Cuba. *Guía Metodologica para un Urbanismo Participativo* (Methodological Guide for Participatory Urban Planning), La Havana, Cuba
- 1998 Luisa Veronis. *Evénements d'Animation Urbaine en Suisse Romande* (Urban entertainment events in French-Speaking Switzerland) and *Problèmes Sociaux et Urbanisme* (Social Problems and Urban Planning) for Urbaplan (Lausanne, Switzerland)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2006

Veronis, Luisa. "The nonprofit sector as a contradictory space of citizenship formation for immigrants in Canada". **Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, Chicago, IL (7-11 March). Special session organized by Heather Castleden, Valorie Crooks, Josh Evans, and Jeff Masuda: "Scaling Up for Context: conceptualizing and explaining lived-experiences in place"

2005

Veronis, Luisa. "Latin American places/spaces in Toronto: Immigrant strategies for a new home in the nation". **Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, Denver, CO (5-11 April). Special session organized by Nancy A. Hiemstra and Lisa Nelson: "Political Geographies of mobility: place, race, and belonging in North America"

2004

Ramos, Duberlis (executive director, Hispanic Development Council, Toronto) and Luisa Veronis. "Latin American migrants in Toronto: *Construyendo juntos*/building community together from the micro- to the macro-level". **The Fourth Annual Laurier Brantford Conference**: "Bridging Communities: Community theory and practice in a changing world", Brantford (30 September – 2 October).

Veronis, Luisa. "Challenges to Immigrant Participation: the experiences of Latin American migrants in Toronto". **Inaugural Annual Conference of the Institute for Research on the Americas**: "Urbanization and Planning in the NEW New World", Toronto, Canada (7– 8 July).

Teixeira, Carlos and Luisa Veronis. Co-organizers of the special session: "Immigrants, refugees and transnational experiences in North American cities". **Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, Philadelphia, PA (14 – 19 March).

Veronis, Luisa. "Building new layers of citizenship: Latin American migrants' claims and civic participation in Toronto". **Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, Philadelphia, PA (14 – 19 March). Special session organized by Carlos Teixeira and Luisa Veronis: "Immigrants, refugees and transnational experiences in North American cities".

2003

Veronis, Luisa. "Rethinking diversity: Latin American migrants' contributions to the social and political life of Toronto". **Transformative Learning Centre International Conference: "Lifelong Citizenship Learning, Participatory Democracy and Social Change"**, OISE/UT, Toronto (17 –19 October). Session: "Problematizing citizenship education: immigrant and refugee experiences".

Veronis, Luisa. "Diversity within diversity: rethinking the formation of transnational networks in Toronto". **Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, New Orleans, LA (4 – 9 March). Special session organized by James P. Allen: "Transnational communities".

2002

Veronis, Luisa. "Beyond transnationalism: the contributions of Latin American migrants to the social and political landscape of Toronto". **Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers**, Toronto (29 May – 2 June). Special session organized by Margaret Walton-Roberts and Philip Kelly: "Transnational Canada".

Veronis, Luisa. "Formal and substantive rights in Canada". **Critical Race Conference**, OISE/UT, Toronto (23 – 25 April). Panel organized by Rose Baaba Folsom on: "Migrants, immigrants and work across borders".

Veronis, Luisa. "Outside in/inside out: redrawing the borders of Canadian citizenship in Toronto's borderlands". **Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers**, Los Angeles, CA (19 – 23 March). Special session organized by Carlos Tovares: "Contested geographies".

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

2005-2006	Doctoral Thesis Completion Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto
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2003-2004	University of Toronto Fellowship
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2002	Robert F. Harney Graduate Research Grant in Ethnic, Immigration and Pluralism Studies, University of Toronto
2001-2002	University of Toronto Fellowship University of Toronto Tuition Fellowship Joseph A. May Scholarship
2000-2001	Connaught Scholarship, University of Toronto
1998-1999	University of Toronto Open Fellowships

TEACHING AND ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University courses taught

Jan. – April 2006	INI 430 Y “Urban Studies Seminar” (instructor replacement) <i>Duties:</i> Instructor responsible for teaching the second half of a full-year course following the syllabus that has been established and using the readings that have been assigned; includes: weekly lectures, grading assignments, office hours, preparing and submitting final grades.
Sept. – Dec. 2005	GGR 339 F “Urban Political Geography” (3 rd Year undergraduate course, enrollment = 52)
Sept. – Dec. 2004	GGR 339 F “Urban Political Geography” (3 rd Year undergraduate course, enrollment = 47)
Sept. – Dec. 2003	GGR 339 F “Urban Political Geography” (3 rd Year undergraduate course, enrollment = 43) <i>Duties:</i> Sole instructor, responsible for designing the course content and outline, preparing lectures, developing assignments and exams, meeting with students during office hours, marking assignments and exams.

Experience as Teaching Assistant

May – August 2005	GGR 124Y “Urbanization, Contemporary Cities and Urban Life: an Introduction to Urban Geography”
Jan. – May 2005	GGRB13H3 “Social Geography” (U of T at Scarborough)
Jan. – May 2004	GGR 271S “Social Research Methods”
May – June 2003	GGR 326F “Industrial Geography”
Sept. 2002 – May 2003	GGR 124Y “Urbanization, Contemporary Cities and Urban Life: an Introduction to Urban Geography”
Sept. 2001 – May 2002	GGR 124Y “Urbanization, Contemporary Cities and Urban Life: an Introduction to Urban Geography”
Sept. 2000 – May 2001	GGR 124Y “Urbanization, Contemporary Cities and Urban Life: an Introduction to Urban Geography”
Sept. – Dec. 2000	GGR 256 F “Recreation Geography” <i>Duties:</i> ‘Head teaching assistant’ for GGR 124 – organized and ran tutorials, marked papers and exams, collected and reported marks, invigilated exams, coordinated meetings with the course instructor and other teaching assistants, met with students during office hours, and organized reading materials for the course.

Experience as Research Assistant

Jan. – April 2001 Research Assistant for Professor Susan M. Ruddick on “Halifax and Edmonton: the View of Stakeholders”, a project conducted for the Human Resources Development Canada and part of the “Supporting Community Partnership Initiative”

Duties: searched relevant material both on the Internet and in the library, summarized government reports, contributed to the writing of the final report.

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

September 2004 Organized and facilitated the Teaching Assistants Training Workshop of the Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

February 2004 Invited to a panel on fieldwork research methods organized by Sharlene Mollett for graduate students in the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto.

September 2003 Co-organized and co-facilitated with Jeff Cantos the Teaching Assistants Training Workshop of the Department of Geography, University of Toronto.

OTHER SCHOLAR ACTIVITY

Feb. – Aug. 2000 Internship with Habitat-Cuba, a Cuban NGO for housing development and urban planning (La Havana and Bayamo, Cuba). As an assistant researcher, I contributed to the elaboration of a “Methodological Guide for Participatory Urban Planning” for Habitat-Cuba in La Havana; and, as an assistant coordinator, I conducted and assessed the first participatory urban planning project of Habitat-Cuba in Bayamo.

March – July 1998 Internship with Urbaplan, a Swiss urban planning office (Lausanne, Switzerland). As a research assistant, I conducted two research projects: “Urban entertainment events in French-Speaking Switzerland” and “Social Problems and Urban Planning”. My work involved extensive data collection and intensive qualitative research techniques such as in-depth interviews, the writing of two final reports, and the presentation of the results during an internal seminar of Urbaplan.

COMMITTEE

Jan. – April 2004 Graduate Representative of the Graduate Geography and Planning Students’ Society to the Faculty Search Committee for a faculty position in Social Geography at the Division of Social Sciences, University of Toronto at Scarborough

Sept. 2002 – May 2003 Elected as Human Geography Representative to the Graduate Geography and Planning Students’ Society at the University of Toronto

Oct. 2001 – May 2002	Elected as Graduate Representative of the Department of Geography to the Graduate Student Union at the University of Toronto
Jan. 2001 – November 2003	Steward Representative of the Department of Geography to the Teaching Assistants' Union (Canadian Union of Public Employees, CUPE Local 3902) at the University of Toronto
Sept. 2000	Elected as Graduate Representative to the Griffith Taylor Subterranean Speakers' Series of the Department of Geography at the University of Toronto for the 2001-2002 academic year
Sept. 2000 – May 2001	Elected as Human Geography Representative to the Graduate Geography and Planning Students' Society at the University of Toronto
Sept. 1998 – May 1999	Elected as Human Geography Representative to the Graduate Geography and Planning Students' Society at the University of Toronto

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

April 2004 – present	Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS)
April 2003 – present	Association for Canadian Studies (ACS)
January 2001 – present	Association of American Geographers (AAG)
January 2001 – present	Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG)
March 1999 – present	Planners Network

References available upon request