

Curriculum Vitae
Adam M. Pine
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Urban geographer, change agent administrator, and teacher with 15 years of experience guiding departmental and program transitions through cross-collegiate collaboration. Expertise in integrating public policy analysis and community engagement into undergraduate degree programs that expand career pathways for underserved students. Innovative curriculum designer highlighting interdisciplinary investigations of real-world problems and rigorous internships that prepare students to succeed in the workplace. Extensive publications in the research areas of urban policy, race, hunger, and the global food system, focused on foregrounding the voices of underserved communities to create sustainable solutions.

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EDUCATION

2007	Ph.D.	Rutgers University, New Jersey. Geography
2002	M.A.	Temple University, Pennsylvania. Urban Studies
1999	B.S.	University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Urban Studies

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

San Diego State University (SDSU)

2023 – Present Director, Interdisciplinary Studies
2023 – Present Lecturer, Department of Geography

University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD)

2016 – 2023 Associate Professor of Geography
2017 – 2020 Department Head, Department of Geography and Philosophy
2017 – 2020 Director, UMD Land lab
2009 – 2018 Director, Urban and Regional Studies Program
2007 – 2016 Assistant Professor of Geography

ADMINISTRATIVE ACADEMIC ASSIGNMENTS

2023 – Present Director, Interdisciplinary Studies in Three Departments, SDSU

Manage \$375,000 budget and direct all program operations for undergraduate major serving 200 students focused on interdisciplinary problem solving, career readiness, and high impact practices.

- Negotiate collaborations with more than 50 participating disciplines from four different collegiate units, engaging closely with General Studies and the dean of undeclared students, developing shared goals and a practical vision of how to serve students.
- Led a 2024 comprehensive program redesign that introduced integrative coursework and a career preparedness trajectory grounded in academic studies and applied through an internship program and capstone project focused on “wicked” problems.

- Manage 7 faculty and staff and oversee all advising of students in the program to advance proactive and equity-minded student engagement and resolve barriers to success, resulting in 93% of students securing an internship in their interest area.
- Achieved targeted enrollment levels by introducing systematic on campus recruitment, marketing, and retention plans, including social media, donor and alumni relations, and student engagement opportunities.
- Spearheaded a 2024 department review that introduced documenting programmatic successes and advocating for a sustainable budget model.

2017 – 2020 Department Head, Department of Geography and Philosophy, UMD

Facilitated all department oversight and management operations including \$1,527,000 budget, course scheduling, relationships with deans, College of Liberal Arts (now the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences) committees, and other campus academic units.

- Coordinated merger between the Geography and Philosophy Departments, successfully integrating 12 tenure lines, 125 majors, 1,200 students, and the development of new bylaws into one administrative structure, with limited loss of productivity and consistent student enrollment throughout a period of declining enrollment across the College of Liberal Arts.
- Guided the creation of a new Environment, Sustainability and Geography (ESG) B.A. degree that consolidated three preexisting degrees into one more streamlined structure serving 113 students, including unifying coursework and an internship program focused on sustainable solutions to societal problems.
- Directed promotion and tenure procedures, faculty mentorship, and all hiring within the department, including chairing 2 successful searches and guiding 2 faculty to tenure.
- Led 2018 department external review, together with 2 outside reviewers, to assess the mission and operations of the Geography Department and guide its future trajectory.
- Designed assessment protocols and compiled assessment reports in compliance with Higher Education Consortium standards, including creating student learning outcomes for each class and degree program, ensuring alignment with the university's mission and the core values of the department.
- Implemented the first donor relations and alumni outreach process that resulted in internship opportunities with alumni and the first annual fundraising campaign.

2017 – 2020 Director, UMD Land lab

- Managed a \$100,000 operating budget and collaborated across disciplines to create a university-community agricultural project linking food justice with undergraduate education. Housed in the Geography Department, partners included the College of Extension; College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Science; and local farms.

2009 – 2018 Director, Urban and Regional Studies Program, UMD

- Grew enrollment for interdisciplinary academic program by 150% until it merged with ESG major.
- Created Community Advisory Board to guide programmatic decisions and developed internships with local organizations that support career pathways in urban planning and nonprofit organizations.

Other Service Assignments

2025 Program Review Committee, California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo.

2016 – 2017 Member, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Campus Wide Research and Scholarship Subcommittee, UMD.

2007 – 2013 Board Member, Center for Community and Regional Research, UMD.

2008 Search Committee, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

2011- 2017 **Board Chair (2016 – 2017) and Member, CHUM, Duluth, MN**

- Guided the creation of the strategic plan for the city’s largest homeless shelter, food bank, and transitional housing provider. Worked closely with consultants and conducted in-depth public policy analysis to shape policies that focused on community engagement and empowerment of the organization’s clients.
- Assisted raising and managing \$2.5 million operating budget from grants and community fundraising.

BOOKS

- Pine, Adam. 2017. *Confronting Hunger in the USA: Searching for Community Empowerment and Food Security in Food Access Programs*. New York; Routledge.
- Pine, Adam and Olaf Kuhlke, eds. 2014. *Global Movements: Dance, Place, and Hybridity*. Boulder, Colorado: Lexington Press.
- Pine, Adam and Olaf Kuhlke, eds. 2013. *Geographies of Dance: Body, Movement and Corporeal Negotiations*. Boulder, Colorado: Lexington Press.

Full list of publications and presentations, including book reviews, commentaries, policy reports, editorials, and press coverage available at <https://is3d.sdsu.edu/about-us/adam-pine>.

SELECTED REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Lohnes, Joshua and Adam Pine. 2023. Feeding lines: Standing up in the neoliberal charitable food regime. *Human Geography*. 16.2 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/19427786231157289>.
- Pine, Adam. 2022. Ambient struggling: Food, chronic disease, and spatial isolation among the urban poor. *Agriculture and Human Values*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-022-1040>.
- Pine, Adam, Rebecca de Souza, and Mary Baumgartner. 2022. “Reimagining the food shelf: Conceptualizing the food shelf as a community food security project.” *Journal of Hunger & Environmental Nutrition*. DOI: [10.1080/19320248.2022.2123265](https://doi.org/10.1080/19320248.2022.2123265).
- de Souza, Rebecca and Adam Pine. “Women, Trauma and Hunger.” In preparation.

SELECTED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Pine, Adam and de Souza, Rebecca. 2023. Hunger, Survivance, and Imaginative Futures: A Racial Analysis of the “Right to Food.” In Dempsey, S. E. (Ed.), *Organizing Food Justice: Critical Organizational Communication Theory Meets the Food Movement*. Routledge.
- Pine, Adam. 2019. The Liberal Arts Are Essential to Addressing the World’s Grand Challenges. In *Think Pieces on UMD’S Liberal Education Program and the Value of the Liberal Arts*. Edited by Kristin Hylenski and Jennifer Brady. UMD Digital Conservancy.
- Pine, Adam. 2014. Salsa Cosmopolitanism: Situating the Dancing Body as Part of the Global Cosmopolitan Project. In *Global Movements: Dance, Place, and Hybridity*, edited by Adam Pine and Olaf Kuhlke, 121-140. Boulder, Colorado: Lexington Press.

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 Faculty Leaders Program at Pardee RAND Graduate School
2020-2021 Sabbatical
2016 Presidents Community-Engaged Scholar Award (Nominated)

2016	College of Liberal Arts Award for Research Excellence
2014	Single Semester Leave. Fall. CLA Research Committee
2013	National Association of Community and Leadership Education Professionals Award for Excellence in Research with John Bennett, University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality.
2013	College of Liberal Arts Award for Teaching Excellence
2013	Duluth News Tribune. Twenty Under Forty
2012	Minnesota Association of Community and Leadership Education Professionals Award for Excellence, with John Bennett, University of Minnesota Extension

SELECTED RESEARCH AND TEACHING GRANTS

2024	\$1,200	Community Engagement Grant, College of Arts and Letters, SDSU
2022	\$1,000	Chancellor's Small Grant, Illustrating the Lives of Front Line Workers, with David Beard and Maryam Khaleghi Yazdi
2021	\$10,000	Metropolitan Design Center, Engaging the Anti-Racist City, with Fernando Burga, University of Minnesota Humphrey School
2021	1,000	Chancellor's Small Grant, Engaging the Anti-Racist City, with Fernando Burga, University of Minnesota
2016	\$5,000	Community Assistantship Partnership, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, "Micro-entrepreneurship Among Residents of Transitional Housing."
2015	\$5,000	Community Assistantship Partnership, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, "Evolving the Food Shelf"
2014	\$3,000	Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, University of Minnesota, Travel Grant to support the development of the course "Grassroots Activism in South India"

SELECTED FUNDED PROJECTS

2014	\$28,801	Sibley County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, with Stacey Starke, UMD Geospatial Analysis Center
2014	\$19,080	Traverse County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, with Stacey Starke, UMD Geospatial Analysis Center
2014	\$28,323	Leech Lake Band of Ojibwa Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Plan Development, with Stacey Starke, UMD Geospatial Analysis Center.
2014	\$21,177	Wright County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, with Stacey Starke, UMD Geospatial Analysis Center
2014	\$19,460	Integration of Health Equity and Food Access Policy Language into Comprehensive Plans, with John Bennett and in partnership with the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission and the Carlton, Cook, Lake, and St. Louis County Community Health Board. Granting agency is the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota
2012	\$9,420	Healthy Duluth Area Coalition, Feasibility Report for Potential Food Access Programs in Lincoln Park, with John Bennett and Ryan Pesch
2012	\$24,273	Le Sueur County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, with Stacey Starke and Steve Graham, UMD Geographic Information Science Lab

SELECTED FUNDED UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS (Student Mentees)

2014	\$1,500	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, UMD, May Yang: "Food Desert in Morgan Park"
2012	\$1,500	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, UMD, Liz Kray: "Bridging

		the Gap between Renters: A look at Duluth's College and Lower-income Renters”
2012	\$1,500	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, UMD, Kathleen Hammer: “Food Insecurity and Social Networks”
2010	\$7,500	Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, UMD, Kevin Pexa, Jessica Montgomery, Brett Ausmus, David Rosen, and Jason Beutrz: “Quality of Life and Population Movement on Minnesota's Iron Range”

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Designing an Interdisciplinary Studies Program to Meet the Needs of SDSU Students and Facilitate Student Success.” Paper, Association of Interdisciplinary Studies Annual Conference (September 2024).
- Presented Multiple Papers and Organized Sessions at the Association of American Geographers Annual Convention (2005 – 2024)
 - “The Gender-Hunger Trauma Matrix: Exploring How Gender Informs US Women’s Experiences of Hunger.” Honolulu, HI (April 2024).
 - “Connecting Climate Change and the Emergency Food Shelf System: Resiliency, Community Practice and Commodity Distribution for the Food Insecure. Denver, CO (March 2023).
 - “Towards Anti-racist Planning in Minnesota? Exploring the Experiences of White and BIPOC Planners.” Virtual session organizer: White Supremacy and Urban Planning (February 2022).
 - “Food Deserts, Food Insecurity, and Food Access: Documenting the Diverse Provisioning Strategies in an Urban Community.” The Geography of Hunger and Food Availability. Los Angeles, CA (April 2013).
 - “Food Scarcity and Creating Community: Prospects for Empowerment in Alternative Food Spaces.” Navigating the Geographies of Food II. Seattle, WA (April 2011).
- “Connecting Homelessness and Food Justice: Strategies for Improving Food Security and Housing Security Through Interconnected Strategies.” Paper, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless Annual Conference (July 2019).
- “Innovative Solutions to Food Deserts in Urban Areas.” Session organizer and presenter, Community Food Security Conference – Food Culture and Justice: The Gumbo that Unites Us All, New Orleans, LA (October 2010).

SELECTED INVITED SERVICE TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nonprofit and Community Organizations

- "Food Insecurity and Racial Justice." NAACP Health and Environmental Equity Committee Meeting, NAACP Duluth, Duluth, MN (November 2021).
- “Confronting Hunger in the USA.” Chum Theology Brown Bag, Duluth, MN (September 2016).
- “Food Access and Food Insecurity.” Junior League of Duluth (October 2014).
- “Lincoln Park Food Access,” with John Bennett. Bus tour of Lincoln Park, MN. Part of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits 2013 Annual Conference Charting Our True Direction (October 24, 2013).
- “Lincoln Park Food Access,” with John Bennett. Bus tour of Lincoln Park, MN. Part of the Minnesota Extension Educators Annual Fall Conference (October 8, 2013).

University Service

- "Food Insecurity, Racial Justice and the Right to Food." SDSU Imperial Valley, Calexico, CA (November 2023).
- "Hunger, Survivance and Imaginative Futures: A Racial Analysis of the Right to Food. SDSU (October 2022). Better Foods Future / SDSU Geography Colloquia
- "Planning the Anti-Racist City in Minnesota: How Practicing Planners Navigate the Contemporary and Historical Culture of Silence and Violence." City of Whiteness Course, Ed Goetz, Humphrey School of Planning, University of Minnesota (November 2021).
- "Food Insecurity in the US." Humphrey International Scholars, UMD (April 2019).
- "Confronting Hunger in the USA." CLA Advisory Committee, UMD College of Liberal Arts, Duluth (October 2016).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

San Diego State University

Undergraduate Courses: Feeding the World (2024 – 2025); Food Place and Culture (2024 – 2025); Sustainable Cities (2024 – 2025); The Global Housing Crisis (2024 – 2025); Interdisciplinary Processes (2025)

University of Minnesota Duluth

Taught more than 10 courses in 3 disciplines covering urban geography, world regional geography, urban studies, and urban planning at the undergraduate level. Full course list available at <https://is3d.sdsu.edu/about-us/adam-pine>.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of American Geographers (2000 - present)

LANGUAGES

English; Spanish (conversant)