

## **Tammara Soma Biography**

Tammara Soma is a Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Doctoral Scholar whose doctoral research investigates the factors that influence urban household food consumption and food wasting practices in Indonesia. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in Planning in the Department of Geography & Planning at the University of Toronto. Tammara's work has been published in the book *Learning, Food and Sustainability* (Palgrave Macmillan) and in *Conversations in Food Studies*. She has also published in the journals *Built Environment*, *Local Environment*, and has an article forthcoming in the journal *Indonesia*. In 2016, Tammara received a "best paper award" by the Canadian Association of Food Studies (CAFS).

She recently won the *Top 5 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Storytellers Award*, which afforded her the opportunity to present in front of the Governor General of Canada at Rideau Hall. Tammara is also the current Global Food Equity Program Coordinator and Lecturer at New College. At the college, she is Editor-in-Chief and Founder of the student magazine entitled *Food Matters*.

As a community-engaged scholar, Tammara's research and talks have been featured in major news outlets (*Toronto Star*, *Globe and Mail*, *Metro News*, *IBI Times*, *Huffington Post*, *Jakarta Post*, *La Presse*), in radio (*Metro Morning*, *Rogers 1310 News*, *CBC Radio Ideas*) and on national television (*TVO The Agenda*, *CTV Your Morning*).

Tammara has demonstrated success in obtaining external research funding and working collaboratively with community members, the public sector, and industry through several research projects funded by external grants. In addition to her dissertation, she is the Project Manager and Lead Researcher at the Food Systems Lab, a social innovation project that has engaged with 92 stakeholders and community members across the food systems to tackle the issue of food waste and food insecurity in Toronto. For this project, the Food Systems Lab collaborated with Indigenous community leaders, farmers, chefs, migrant farm workers, retailers and more. During the first year of the lab, Tammara and her team secured the partnership of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation, the FAO Save Food Initiative, the Office of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Toronto Food Policy Council, and various other partners. She looks forward to working with Dr. Virginia Maclaren and the Food Systems Lab team on the "Seeding Food Innovation" project funded by the Weston Foundation.