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Anthropology Department, Penn Museum
University of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., University of California-Davis, Department of Anthropology
- 2005 M.A., University of California-Davis, Department of Anthropology
- 2004 M.A., University of Texas-Austin, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies
(Anthropology)
- 2001 B.A., Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont (Spanish and Creative Writing)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018 – Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Anthropology Department. Faculty Affiliations:
Center for Experimental Ethnography, Penn Program in the Environmental Humanities;
Latin American and Latino Studies Program; University of Pennsylvania.
- 2015 – 2018 Assistant Professor of Feminist Science Studies, Feminist Studies Department. Faculty
Affiliations: Anthropology, Environmental Studies, Latin American & Latino Studies, and
with the Science & Justice Research Center; University of California, Santa Cruz.
- 2013 – 2015 University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, Anthropology
Department and Science & Justice Research Center; University of California,
Santa Cruz

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Feminist, Postcolonial, and Decolonial Science and Technology Studies, Environmental Humanities,
Anthropology of the State and Violence, Critical Development and Sustainability Studies, Socio-ecological
Justice, Politics of “Nature” and “Matter,” Experimental Ethnography, Colombia, Latin America

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2020. *Vital Decomposition: Soil Practitioners and Life Politics*. Durham: Duke University Press.

*forthcoming 2020. *Descomposición Vital: Suelos, Selva y Políticas de Vida*. Bogotá: Editorial Universidad Rosario.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

*In press. Lyons, K. L. Pinto García, and D. Ruíz-Serna. “Towards an Understanding of Conflict and Peace
Beyond the Human,” Special issue of *Maguaré* (the Journal of the Anthropology Department of the
National University of Colombia).

- *revised and resubmitted. “Rivers and Profound Reconciliation: The Reconstruction of Environmental Memory in Times of Conflict and ‘Transition’,” *American Ethnologist*
- *In press. “Ríos y reconciliación profunda: reconstrucción de la memoria ambiental en tiempos de conflicto y ‘transición’,” *Maguaré* (the Journal of the Anthropology Department of the National University of Colombia).
- *2018. “Chemical Warfare in Colombia, Evidentiary Ecologies, and *Senti-actuando* [Feeling-acting] Practices of Justice,” *Social Studies of Science* 48(3): 414-437.
- *2017. “Guerra Química en Colombia y Ecologías de la Evidencia: Senti-actuando Prácticas de Justicia.” Article for a special edition on Emergent Political Ecologies in *Universitas Humanísticas* 84: 203-234.
- *2017. “On the Situated Politics of Analytic Symmetry,” *Critical Perspectives: Engaging Decoloniality and Decolonization in and at the Interfaces of STS*, *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 3(1): 32-39.
- *2017. Lyons, K., J. Parreñas, and N. Tamarkin. 2017. “Introduction” to *Critical Perspectives: Engaging Decoloniality and Decolonization in and at the Interfaces of STS*, *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience* 3(1): 1-10.
- *2016. “Decomposition as Life Politics: Soils, *Selva*, and Small Farmers under the Gun of the U.S.-Colombia War on Drugs.” *Cultural Anthropology* 31(1): 55-80.
- *2014. “Soil Science, Development and the ‘Elusive Nature’ of Colombia’s Amazonian Plains.” Special Issue on Nature, Infrastructure and the State in Latin America, *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 19(2): 212-236.
- *2008. “Emergent Forms of Death- WARNING: Highly Toxic Experiments”. *Pensamiento Jurídico* [Legal Thought] 22: 95-133. Bogotá: National University of Colombia.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

- *2007. “Understanding and Writing the World: Upon Traveling to Nosara” in *Arts Based Research in Education: Foundations for Practice*, edited by Melisa Cahnmann-Taylor and Richard Siegesmund, pg. 79-82 New York: Routledge.

Other Publications

2020. “Reconstructing the socioecological memory of social and armed conflict,” *Penn Program in Environmental Humanities*. March 4. <https://www.ppehlab.org/field-notes/2019-faculty-seed-fund-sprouts-and-shoots-part-5>
2019. “Community Recovery of a Watershed in Times of Perpetuated Conflict and Transition,” *Penn Program in Environmental Humanities*. February 19. <https://www.ppehlab.org/field-notes/community-recovery-watershed-times-perpetuated-conflict-and-transition>
2019. “Finca Amazónica,” in *Recetario de Sabores Lejanos*, edited by Diana Ojeda, Sonia Serna Botero, and Julio Arias Vanegas, pg. 121-236. Bogotá: Laguna Libros. (graphic novel)
2018. “Rivers have memory: The impossibility of floods and histories of urban de-and-reconstruction in the Andean-Amazonian foothills,” *City & Society* 30(3).

2018. “Los ríos tienen memoria: La (im)posibilidad de las inundaciones y historias de (de) and (re) construcción urbana en el piedemonte amazónico.” [Rivers have memory: On the impossibility of flooding and histories of urban de-and-reconstruction in the Amazonian foothills]. *A la orilla del río*. May 31. <http://alaorilladelrio.com/2018/05/30/los-rios-tienen-memoria-la-imposibilidad-de-las-inundaciones-e-historias-de-de-y-re-construccion-urbana-en-el-piedemonte-amazonico/>
2018. “Commentary: Toxic Bodies Part II,” *Engagement Blog of the Anthropology and Environment Society*, May 8. <https://aesengagement.wordpress.com/2018/05/08/commentary-toxic-bodies-part-ii/>
2017. ¿Cómo sería una paz territorial?: Iniciativas de Justicia Socioecológica en el Sur [How might a territorial peace be imagined? Initiatives of Socioecological Justice in the South]. *A la orilla del río*. May 25. <http://alaorilladelrio.com/tag/kristina-m-lyons/>
2017. “Habitar, seguir las relaciones y enredarse [Inhabit, Follow the Relations, and Get Entangled],” *Semanal Boletina: Perspectivas Feministas sobre la Espacialidad* [Feminist Perspectives on Spatiality]. School of Gender Studies, National University of Colombia, Bogotá. <http://www.humanas.unal.edu.co/genero/publicaciones/boletinas-anales/boletina-no-5/>
2016. “Decentering “the human” at the interfaces of anthropology and science studies?” *Savage Minds: Notes and Queries in Anthropology*. Blog series: Decolonizing Anthropology. December 12. <http://sageminds.org/2016/12/12/decentering-the-human-at-the-interfaces-of-anthropology-and-science-studies/>
2016. ¿Cómo sería una paz territorial?: Iniciativas de Justicia Socioecológica en el Sur [How might a territorial peace be imagined? Initiatives of Socioecological Justice in the South]. *Salud al Derecho*, Bogotá, Colombia. September 29.
2016. “The Poetics of Soil Health.” Committee on the Anthropology of Science, Technology, and Computing (CASTAC). March 23. <http://blog.castac.org/2016/03/poetics-of-soil-health/>
2016. “Selva Life and Death: A Conversation in Images with Kristina Lyons.” *Cultural Anthropology Fieldsights*. March 4. <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/814-selva-life-and-death-a-conversation-in-images-with-kristina-lyons>
2015. “Soils and Peace: Imagining Dialogues between Soil Scientists and Farmers in Colombia.” *Panoramas Scholarly Platform*. University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Latin American Studies. [I translated the piece into Spanish, and published it on the same platform as, “Suelos y Paz: Imaginando Diálogos entre Científicos de Suelos y Pequeños Agricultores en Colombia.”]
2015. “Can There Be Peace With Poison?” *Cultural Anthropology Hotspot Collection*: “When Peace is the Exception: Negotiating Colombia’s Post-Conflict Futures.” April 30. <http://www.culanth.org/fieldsights/679-can-there-be-peace-with-poison>
2014. “Fresh Leaves,” *Creative Ethnographic Non-fiction and Photographic Installation* published by the Centre for Imaginative Ethnography’s Galleria, York University. May 14. <http://imaginativeethnography.apps01.yorku.ca/galleria/fresh-leaves-by-kristina-lyons/>
2014. Feature Writer for Engagement Page, Anthropology and Environment Society. “Engagement as Life Politics in the Colombian Amazon”.

<http://www.aaanet.org/sections/ae/index.php/engagement-as-life-politics-in-the-colombian-amazon/>

2012. “Farming in the Colombian Amazon”, *Anthropology News*. 53(3):23. Anthropology and Environment Section.
2007. “Understanding and Writing the World: Upon Traveling to Nosara” in *Arts Based Research in Education: Foundations for Practice*, edited by Melisa Cahnmann-Taylor and Richard Siegesmund, pg. 79-82 New York: Routledge.
2006. “The First Visit.” *Anthropology and Humanism* 31(1):87-88. Berkeley: University of California Press.
2005. “Then Silence.” *Anthropology and Humanism* 20(2): 232-233. Berkeley: University of California Press.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

External Research Fellowships

2020-2021 Fulbright Award, “The Reconstruction of the Environmental Memory of War in Colombia’s Transitional Justice Process,” Fulbright Program. \$26,000. August 1, 2020 -January 1, 2021.

2016 - 2017 Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship; Wenner-Gren Anthropological Foundation

2013 Wenner-Gren Foundation Engaged Anthropology Grant
<http://blog.wennergren.org/2013/10/engaged-anthropology-grant-kristina-lyons/>

2009 - 2010 University of California Pacific Rim Advanced Research Dissertation Fellowship

2008 - 2009 Wenner-Gren Anthropological Foundation Dissertation Fellowship

2008 - 2009 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship

2006 University of California Pacific Rim Research Mini Grant

Grants awarded from the University of Pennsylvania

First-Year Seminar Funding Award, School of Arts and Sciences and The Sachs Program for Arts Innovation for my seminar: “The Rights of Nature in Times of Conflict and Transition.” \$2,500. Spring semester 2020.

PPEH Research and Teaching Seed Fund for the project: “Rivers Have Memory: Community Recovery of a Watershed in Times of Conflict and Transition.” \$3,000. Start Date: May 15, 2019.

Dean’s Global Inquiries Award, School of Arts and Sciences. Project Title: “Rivers Have Memory: Community Recovery of a Watershed in Times of Conflict and Transition.” Submitted: March 15, 2019. \$50,000 Start Date: May 15, 2019.

Grants awarded from the University of California, Santa Cruz

2016 – 2018 Co-Principal Investigator: IHR Research Cluster on Race, Violence, Inequality and the Anthropocene; University of California, Santa Cruz

2016 – 2018 Special Faculty Research Grant: Theme Awards on Sustainability awarded by the Committee on Research from the University of California, Santa Cruz

2016 New Faculty Research Grant awarded by the Committee on Research; University of California, Santa Cruz

Grants awarded from the University of California, Davis

2012 - 2013 Mellon Foundation John E. Sawyer Seminar Dissertation Fellow- “Indigenous Cosmopolitics: Dialogues about the Reconstitution of Worlds”

2012 – 2013 UCD and Humanities Graduate Studies Research Award

2011 Graduate Fellowship Award; University of California, Davis

2005, 2006 Summer Research Fellowships, Department of Anthropology; University of California, Davis

Grants awarded from the Colombian government

Ministry of Culture Seed Fund for Citizen Radio Programs for the project: “Rivers and Reconciliation Community Recovery of the Mandur River Watershed.” \$8,500. Start Date: November 1, 2019.

HONORS AND PRIZES

2017 Cultural Horizons Prize, Society for Cultural Anthropology. My 2016 article in *Cultural Anthropology* received the award.

2016 Junior Scholar Award, Anthropology and the Environment Section of the American Anthropological Association. My 2016 article in *Cultural Anthropology* received the award.

2011 Roy A. Rappaport Graduate Student Prize Winner, Anthropology and the Environment Section of the American Anthropological Association

2010 Social Science Dean's Doctoral Fellowship for Excellence; University of California, Davis

2005 Society for Humanistic Anthropology Ethnographic Poetry Award, American Anthropological Association

2003 George Wilson Hackett Award for Engaged Anthropology; University of Texas, Austin

2001 Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish National Honor Society; Middlebury College

2001 Poetry Scholar, Writers of the Americas Conference, Havana, Cuba

2000-2001 Middlebury College Scholar

2000 Poetry Scholar, Breadloaf Writer’s Conference, Middlebury, Vermont

INVITED LECTURES

2020 Keynote Lecture at the 2020 Greater Philadelphia Latin American Studies Consortium Student Conference. University of Pennsylvania. April 17. (cancelled due to Coronavirus outbreak)

2020. Invited to give a lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. "Ethnographic Conceptualization in/from Latin America," Department of Anthropology. TBA April. (switched to webinar format)
2020. Invited to give a webinar talk: "Ethnography and transdisciplinarity in times of change and uncertain Futures," Kaleidos Center for Interdisciplinary Ethnography, Universidad de Cuenca, Ecuador. April 10.
2020. Invited to give a webinar talk: "The role of environmental humanities in environmental studies," Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Mexico City, Mexico. April 6.
- 2019 "Rivers and reconciliation: Reconstructing environmental memory in times of perpetual conflict and transition," Unscripted Workshop. Princeton University. December 5.
- 2019 "Obstacles and possibilities for territorial peace and the resolution of socio-environmental conflicts in Colombia's post peace accord scenario," Science and Justice Colloquium of the Women's Studies Program. Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica. November 8.
- 2019 Keynote Lecture. "Harmonize and not eliminate conflict: situated knowledges and partial alliances," Social Studies of Science and Technology: Feminisms and Intersectionality Lecture Series in Women's Studies Program. Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica. November 7.
- 2019 "Rivers and reconciliation: Reconstructing environmental memory in times of perpetual conflict and transition," Latin American Studies Program Lecture Series. Villanova University. October 24.
- 2019 "Rivers and reconciliation: Reconstructing environmental memory in times of perpetual conflict and transition," Environmental humanities and peacebuilding Lecture Series. College of Engineering and the Peace Engineering Program. Drexel University. October 16.
- 2019 "Rivers and reconciliation: Reconstructing environmental memory in times of conflict and transition," Anthropology Program and Ethnographic Writing Lecture Series. Universidad de Caldas, Manizales, Colombia. October 4.
- 2019 "Rivers and reconciliation: Reconstructing environmental memory in times of conflict and transition," Environment, Memory and Peace Forum at the Universidad Industrial de Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia. September 28.
- 2019 "Rivers and reconciliation: Challenges and possibilities for territorial constructions of peace and the resolution of socio-environmental conflicts in Colombia's post-accord scenario," MA in Science, Technology and Society Lecture Series at the Instituto Tecnológico Metropolitana de Medellín. August 29.
- 2019 "Challenges and possibilities for territorial constructions of peace and the resolution of socio-environmental conflicts in the post-accord scenario," Ensamblando saberes, derechos y artefactos en Colombia y América Latina workshop, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá. August 9.
- 2019 Laird Christie Annual Keynote Lecture: "Rivers and Restitution: The Politics of 'Postconflict' Baselineing and the Reconstruction of Ecological Memory." Wilfrid Laurier University. March 21.
- 2019 "Chemical Warfare in Colombia and Evidentiary Ecologies," DeJusticia. Bogotá, Colombia. March 1.
- 2018 "Rivers have memory: The impossibility of floods and histories of urban de-and-reconstruction in the

- Andean-Amazonian foothills,” New Ethnographies of Latin America Workshop; National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico City. November 26.
- 2018 “Community-based Governance, Recovery and Conservation of the Mandur River Watershed in Times of Conflict and Transition,” 1st Regional Forum on the Rights of the Amazon organized by the Ministry of the Environment, Mocoa, Putumayo. November 22.
- 2018 “Feminist Science Studies in the global South and its Ethnographic Interfaces,” MA in Philosophy Lecture Series; Industrial University of Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia. November 1.
- 2018 “Can There Be Peace with Poison?: Socio-ecological Justice and the Role of Poetic Ethnography in Times of Conflict and Transition,” ICESI University. Cali, Colombia. August 7.
- 2018 “Thinking with *Hojarasca* (litter layers): Soils and what resists becoming 'soil' in the age of the anthropocene.” Environmental Studies Colloquium Series. University of California, Santa Cruz. March 12.
- 2017 “The role of ecopoetic ethnography in times of conflict and transition.” When Research Methods Become Imaginative Symposium. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Bogotá, Colombia. October 27.
- 2017 Keynote Lecture: “Thinking with *Hojarasca* (litter layers): Soils and what resists becoming 'soil' in the age of the anthropocene.” Resistance is Fertile: On Being Sons and Daughters of Soil Workshop. University of Cape Town, South Africa. September 18-22.
- 2017 Keynote Lecture: “Territorial Turns and Ontological Openings: Ethnography at the Interfaces of Soil Science.” Rediscovering Soils: Knowledge and Care in the Worlds of Soil Workshop. University of Sheffield, England. June 19-21.
- 2016 Keynote Lecture: “Visionary Ethnography: Conceptualizing and Writing Ecologies Otherwise.” Imaginative Ecologies: A Workshop in Speculative Fiction and Ecopoetics, Women and Gender Studies Lecture Series. San Francisco State University, November 2.
- 2016 “Soils and Peace: Imagining Dialogues between Soil Scientists and Small Farmers in the western Amazon”, Launch of the National Policy for Sustainable Soil Management organized by the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Colombia. Bogotá, April 22.
- 2016 Co-Lecturer, “Soil Health and its Maladies: Field Notes with Farmers in the global South.” Science & Justice Research Center, University of California, Santa Cruz. Joint Talk with Soil Microbiologist, Dr. Kate Scow (Professor of Soil Science and Microbial Ecology in the Department of Land, Air and Water Resources at UC Davis)
- 2015 “Decomposition as Life Politics: Soils, *Seba*, and Small Farmers Under the Gun of the U.S.-Colombia War on Drugs.” Culture, Power, and Social Change Lecture Series. Anthropology Department. University of California, Los Angeles, May 23.
- 2015 “Science, Story-telling, and the Politics of Advocacy Against Aerial Fumigation”. Activating Evidence in War Zones: Technoscience Salon. Women and Gender Studies Institute, York University, March 27.
- 2015 “Can There be Peace with Poison?: Cultivating ‘Living Well’ in the Colombian Amazon”. Latin American and Latino/a Studies Symposium. University of California, Santa Cruz, January 14.

- 2014 “Decomposition as Life Politics: Soils, Shared Bodies and Stamina Under the Gun of the U.S.-Colombia War on Drugs”. Science Studies Program Colloquium Series. University of California, San Diego. November 24.
- 2014 “Decomposition as Life Politics: Soils, Shared Bodies and Stamina Under the Gun of the U.S.-Colombia War on Drugs”. Science and Justice Research Program. University of California, Santa Cruz; November 12.
- 2014 “*Cultivando un Bien Vivir en la Amazonia: Experiencias desde el Plan de Desarrollo Integral Andino-Amazónico*” (Cultivating ‘Living Well’ in the Amazon: Experiences from the Andean-Amazonian Integral Development Plan). Ethnographic Museum of the Cultural Deputy of the Bank of the Republic in Leticia, Amazonas, Colombia; October 23.
- 2014 “Death by Resuscitation: Soils, Shared Bodies and Stamina in the Colombian Amazon”. Department of Literature, University of California, San Diego, May 20.
- 2010 “From Environmental Object to Matter of Concern: The Political Life of Soil in Colombia”. Biotechnology Institute, National University of Colombia (IBUN), Bogotá, April 28.
- 2009 “Towards an Epidemiology of the Landscape: Thoughts from the Soil”. National Colombian Institute for Anthropology and History (ICANH). Bogotá, February 13.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Panel and Workshop Organization

- 2019 “¿Is the extension of rights to non-humans the best way to protect their interests? Achievements and difficulties in legal struggles in defense of the environment.” [Co-organized with Lina Pinto García and Daniel Ruíz-Serna]. XVII Conference of Colombian Anthropology. Cali, Colombia. June 11-14.
- 2019 “Decentering the human in the understanding of armed conflict and constructions of peace in Colombia.” [Co-organized with Lina Pinto García and Daniel Ruíz-Serna]. XVII Conference of Colombian Anthropology. Cali, Colombia. June 11-14.
- 2017 “The Politics of Matter and the Matter of Politics.” [Co-organized with Diana Bocarejo] Latin American Anthropology Association 5th Conference and XVI Conference of Anthropology in Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia. June 6-9.
- 2016 “Engaging Decoloniality and Decolonization in Science and Technology Studies.” [Co-organized with Juno Parreñas and Noah Tamarkin] Society for Social Studies of Science and European Association for the Study of Science and Technology Annual Meeting; Barcelona, Spain. August 31-September 3.
- 2015 Science, Story-telling and the Politics of Evidence. Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting; Denver, CO. November 11-15.
- 2014 Silt, Sand and Soil: Earthy Engagements Between the Bio and Geo. [Co-organized with Tanya Richardson] American Anthropological Association 112th Annual Meeting; Washington, D.C. December 3-7.
- 2013 “Ecological Obligations Beyond ‘Life’ Itself.” [Co-organized with Jake Culbertson] Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting; San Diego, California. October 9-12.

- 2013 “Life In-Organic: Biopolitics Beyond ‘Life Itself.’” [Co-organized with Jake Culbertson] American Anthropological Association 111th Annual Meeting; Chicago. November 20-24.

Paper Presentations

- 2019 “Elaborating socioecological memory in times of “transitional” justice,” American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropology Society 178th Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. November 20-24.
- 2019 “Militarization, Conservation, and the Excesses of the Rights of Nature,” Society for Social Studies of Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. September 4-8.
- 2018 “Rivers Have Memory: Community Recovery of a Watershed in Times of Perpetual Conflict and Transition,” American Anthropological Association 177th Annual Meeting, San Jose, California; November 14-17.
- 2017 “Decomposition as Life Politics in the Andean-Amazonian Foothills of Colombia.” Latin American Anthropology Association 5th Conference and XVI Conference of Anthropology in Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia. June 6-9.
- 2017 “Transformative Justice as Successional Flow.” Volatile Futures/Earthly Matters Conference; Bennington College, Vermont; May 25-27.
- 2017 “Chemical Warfare in Colombia, Evidentiary Ecologies, and *Senti-actuando* Practices of Justice.” Militarized Ecologies Workshop; University of California, Irvine; May 19.
- 2017 “El Teatro de la Vida” [The Theater of Life]. Our Own Devices Workshop organized by GIDST and Parsons School of Design at the New School, New York, March 3.
- 2016 “Evidentiary Ecologies, Environmental Memory, and Territorial Constructions of Peace in Colombia.” American Anthropological Association 115th Annual Meeting; Minneapolis, Minnesota; November 16-20.
- 2016 “Chemical Warfare in Colombia, Evidentiary Ecologies, and *Senti-actuando* Practices of Justice.” XXXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association; New York, NY. May 27-30.
- 2015 “Chemical Warfare in Colombia and Worlding Practices of Justice.” Panel: Estranging Narratives of Empowerment in the Scientific Governance of Environmental Risk. American Anthropological Association 114th Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado; November 18-22.
- 2014 “Soil times. The poetics of thick relations.” American Anthropological Association 112th Annual Meeting; Washington, D.C. December 3-7.
- 2012 “Life and Death in the Colombian Amazon: Soils, Shared Bodies and Stamina.” Society for Cultural Anthropology Spring Meeting; Providence, RI. May 11-12.
- 2011 “Entangled Autonomy: ‘Food for Thought’ in the Colombian Amazon.” Panel: People, Plants and Practice: Garden Variety Investigation. American Anthropological Association 110th Annual Meeting; Montreal, Canada. November 16-20.

- 2011 “Soil Science, Development and the ‘Elusive Nature’ of Colombia’s Amazonian Plains”. Roy A. Rappaport Student Panel Prize. American Anthropological Association 110th Annual Meeting; Montreal, Canada. November 16-20.
- 2010 “Getting the ‘Dirt’ on the Margins of Environmental Politics: The (not so) Seductive Life of Soil in Colombia”. Society for Cultural Anthropology Spring Meeting; Santa Fe, NM. May 7-8.
- 2010 “Getting in ‘Step’ with Amazonian Imaginations: Thinking-with-the-Soils of Putumayo, Colombia”. XXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association; Toronto, Canada. October 6-9.
- 2010 “Getting the ‘Dirt’ on the Margins of Environmental Politics: The (not so) Seductive Life of Soil in Colombia”. Society for Cultural Anthropology Spring Meeting; Santa Fe, NM. May 7-8.

COURSES TAUGHT

At the University of Pennsylvania

- “Critical Engagements with Science(s) and Justice(s)” [graduate seminar Fall 2019]
- “Experimental Ethnography at the Interfaces of the Arts and Sciences” [graduate seminar Spring 2019]
- “The Politics of Matter and the Matter of Politics” [upper division undergraduate course Spring 2019, Fall 2019]

At the University of California, Santa Cruz

- “Critical Engagements with Science(s) and Justice(s)” [graduate seminar Spring 2018]
- “Anthropology at its Interfaces with Feminist, Postcolonial and Decolonial STS” [graduate seminar Winter 2016]
- “Decoloniality, Feminism & Science Studies” [senior seminar Fall 2015]
- “The Politics of Matter and the Matter of Politics” [upper division undergraduate course Fall 2015; Spring 2018]

At the University of California, Davis

- “The Politics of Matter and the Matter of Politics” [Spring 2012]
- “Knowledge and Power: Cultural Studies of Latin America” [Summer 2007]

At Los Andes University in Bogotá, Colombia

- “Other Imaginaries of the Political: Towards Multispecies Flourishing” Department of Anthropology Advanced Undergraduate Seminar taught in Spanish [Fall 2009]

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Directed Reading & Research: Contemporary Latin American Theory and Ethnography (Spring 2020)-
Supervised a directed reading for Randall Burson and Atenea Rosado-Viurques, graduate students in anthropology.

Directed Reading & Research: STS and the Anthropology of Science and Technology (Spring 2019)-
Supervised a directed reading for Naomi Zucker, a graduate student in anthropology.

ADVISING

M.A. Primary Reader

Emily Romick (Master of Liberal Arts Program Capstone 2019)

Oral exam committee member

Elizabeth Bynum 2019

Naomi Zucker 2019

Mariana Irby 2019

Dina Asfaha 2020

Alex Chen 2020

Caroline Hodge 2020

Ph.D. committee member

Jennifer Brown

Kimberly Fernandes

Daniel Schniedewind (University of California, Santa Cruz, Anthropology Department)

Carolina Angel Botero (Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, Anthropology Department)

Primary Ph.D. Advisor

Jimil Ataman

Atenea Rosado-Viurques

Elizabeth Bynum

Rebecca Winkler

Pablo Aguilera del Castillo (co-advisor)

ACADEMIC SERVICE (selected)

Service to the Profession

2019 Faculty Mentor for the “Climate Change and Environmental Stressors Workshop” of the Association for Political and Legal Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association. November 22.

2019 Discussant for Panels: “Making Ethnographies: Reflections on the materialities and practices that sustain ethnography” and “Lands that flow: Matter, Movement and the Political.” XVII Conference of Colombian Anthropology. Cali, Colombia. June 11-14.

2018 Faculty Mentor and Sponsor for Fulbright Visiting Scholar from the School of African and Gender Studies and Environmental Humanities South Initiative at the University of Cape Town, South Africa (Dr. Lesley Green)

2018 Discussant for the Stanford Anthropology Graduate Conference. April 28.

2016 Faculty Mentor and Sponsor for Fulbright Visiting Scholar from the Department of Anthropology at the Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia (Dr. Diana Bocarejo)

- 2015 – Manuscript Reviewer for *Cultural Anthropology*, *American Anthropologist*, *Science, Technology & Human Values*, *Colombian Journal of Anthropology (Revista Colombiana de Antropología)*, *Maguaré* (the anthropology journal of the National University of Colombia), *Revista de Estudios Socio-Jurídicos (Journal of Socio-Legal Studies)*, and *Antipode*

At the University of Pennsylvania

- 2020 Organized a campus talk by organizers of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, “When Ecosystems Have Rights: An Emerging Movement to Protect Water In Pennsylvania and Ohio,” Penn Program in Environmental Humanities and Penn Anthropology. April 21. (Cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak)
- 2019 Participated as a roundtable discussant for the event: “Protest, Repression, and *Democracia Lacrimógena*: What is Going on in Latin America?” Latin American and Latino Studies Program and Perry World House. December 5th.
- 2019 Hosted a film screening of *Death by a Thousand Cuts* and visit by filmmaker Juan Mejia Botero as part of the Latin American and Latino Studies External Speaker Series. November 18.
- 2019 Led a section of the Humanities Skills-Building Workshop. “Publishing Within and Beyond the University”. Wolfe Humanities Center, Price Lab for Digital Humanities, and Herbert D Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies. November 4.
- 2019 – School of Arts and Sciences Strategic Plan Working Group: I am currently participating in the interdisciplinary faculty working group that will address the section of the plan focused on Latin America.
- 2019 – Graduate Committee: I am currently serving on this committee in the Anthropology Department.
- 2019 – Workshop Committee, I am currently serving on this committee in the Anthropology Department.
- 2019 – PPEH Strategic Advisory Committee: I am currently serving on this committee to re-launch the cluster hire in environmental humanities.
- 2019 – PPEH Curricular Development Task Force Member: I am participating in developing formal curriculum for an undergraduate minor in environmental humanities at Penn.
- 2019 PPEH Roundtable Facilitator: I led a roundtable on Dr. Marisol de la Cadena’s work for PPEH fellows, undergraduate and graduate students, and students in the course with the Teacher’s Institute of Philadelphia. February 13.

At the University of California, Santa Cruz

- 2018 Co-organizer Ethnographic Transdisciplinary Engagements Roundtable and Webinar. [co-organized with Lesley Green connecting UCSC, Colombian and southern African students and colleagues working on the environmental humanities in the global South.]
- 2016-2017 Co-organizer Feminist Science Studies Reading Group [Co-organized with Karen Barad]

- 2016 Reviewer of Science & Justice Graduate Student Fellows funding applications.
- 2016 Workshop Leader for ‘Slow Seminar’ video conference on indigenous cosmologies in discussion with Professor Anna Tsing’s Anthropocene research group at Arhus University in Denmark, May.
- 2016 Event Organizer, “Soil Health and its Maladies: Field Notes with Farmers in the global South,” Science & Justice Research Center. (A conversation between anthropology and soil ecology and microbiology.)
- 2016 Event Organizer, Reading Group and Video Conference with Lesley Green (Associate Professor in the School of African and Gender Studies, Anthropology and Linguistics at the University of Cape Town, and director of the graduate research center called Environmental Humanities South.)
- 2016 Event Organizer, “Emergent Ecologies” Book Talk with author Dr. Eben Kirksey
- 2015 - Internal Advisory Board and Steering Committee Member, Science & Justice Research Center
- 2015-2016 Graduate Student Admissions Committee Member, Feminist Studies Department
- 2015 Co-organizer, Faculty Reading Group and Writing Workshop, Feminist Studies Department

At the University of California, Davis

- 2011-2012 Teaching Assistant Coordinator and Mentor, Department of Anthropology.
- 2007 – 2008 Undergraduate Academic Adviser and Mentor: MURALS program for first generation college students
- 2006 Organizing Committee, Graduate Student Symposium: “The Curious Lives of Documents”
- 2006 Co-Coordinator, Undergraduate Mentorship Program, Department of Anthropology

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP, FORUMS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (selected)

- 2020 Participant on expert advisory panel for study on the reproductive health impacts of exposure to glyphosate. Dejusticia. Bogotá, Colombia. February 7.
- 2019 Workshop leader at the 7th Global Workshop for Action-Research for Young Human Rights Defenders. Dejusticia. Mocoa, Putumayo, Colombia. August 2.
- 2019 Consultant. I am leading a training course for the General Attorney’s Office on methods for the criminal investigation of territorial conflicts and agrarian and environmental crimes. Bogotá, Colombia. May 15-17.
- 2019 Expert Witness. I was invited to testify in a Supreme Court Hearing on the suspension or reinstatement of aerial fumigation with glyphosate, a main component of U.S.-Colombia anti-drug policy since 1997. Bogotá, Colombia. March 7.

- 2018 – Founding Member and Participatory and Community-Oriented Research Coordinator of the NGO, Fundación ItarKa in Puerto Guzmán, Putumayo, Colombia.
- 2016 Invited Expert, Monsanto Tribunal in The Hague, Holland. I accompanied small farmers from Putumayo, Colombia to testify at the Tribunal based on a research project we conducted about the impacts of chemical warfare on the Colombian Amazon. October 14-16.
- 2016 Speaker, Public Audience in the municipality of Puerto Guzmán, Putumayo to present research on aerial fumigation policy to the mayor’s office and community leaders. August 17.
- 2016 Consultant for the Ministry of the Environment’s regional office in the Colombian Amazon (Corpoamazonia) in the development of the 2016-2019 Sustainable Development Action Plan. Putumayo, Colombia.
- 2015 Co-organizer and Speaker, Public Forum and Webinar: “Soils and Peace with Socioenvironmental Justice in Colombia”. Organized with the Environmental Justice Network and the Interamerican Association for Environmental Defense (AIDA). Pontificia Universidad de la Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia. August 12.
- 2014 Workshop Facilitator, National Meeting of Peasant Cultures and Immaterial Patrimony. Organized by the Ministry of Culture. Santander, Colombia. October 29-31.
- 2014 Project Director, Photographer, and Co-Intellectual Author of “Cultivating *Bien Vivir* (Living Well) in the Amazon.” Documentary film project consisting of 13 popular education videos based on farmer-to-farmer Amazonian-based agricultural knowledges, practices, and life philosophies in Putumayo, Colombia. Funded by the Cultural Deputy of the Colombian Bank of the Republic.
- 2013 - 2014 Consultant, For the Regional Alliance of Dialogue and Accords in Putumayo, Colombia (MIA) during strike and post-strike negotiations between small farmers and the national government after the month-long Popular, Agrarian and Ethnic National Strike in August 2013.
- 2013 - 2014 Consultant and Member of the Technical Team for the Integral Andean-Amazonian Life Plan (PLADIA 2035) designed by rural social movements in Putumayo.
- 2013 - 2014 Member of the Regional Alliance between Small Farmer, Indigenous, Afro-Colombian, Union and Youth Group Social Organizations in Putumayo, Baja Bota Caucana and Cofanía de Jardines de Sucumbíos, Ipiales, Nariño (MERA).
- 2013 - Board of Directors for the *Fundación La Cuchara: Hacia la Soberanía, Autonomía y Seguridad Alimentaria en el Sur* [‘The Spoon’ Foundation: Towards Food Sovereignty, Autonomy and Security in the Global South]. Putumayo, Colombia.
- 2009 Translator, of testimonies and surveys used in the legal case that Ecuadorian small farming and indigenous communities filed against DynCorp International for the negative public health and environmental impacts of aerial fumigation policies along the Colombian border.
- 2008 - 2009 Member and Volunteer, *Permanent Working Group for Putumayo*; Bogotá, Colombia

- 2009 Consultant, Writer, and Translator, “Mobile Memory Gallery: Politics of Hope in Bajo Putumayo” for the Movement of Victims of State Crimes (MOVICE). Bogotá, Colombia
- 2008 Policy Watch and Human Rights Accompaniment and Research, Putumayo Team, Asociación MINGA (Bogotá-based NGO), and with Witness for Peace (Bogotá office of U.S. NGO)
- 2007 Organizer and translator, Ten day speaking tour in California on impacts of U.S.-Colombia “War on Drugs” with Yuc’ta Musse (Nasa indigenous leader from Puerto Vega Teteyé, Putumayo, Colombia)

Media and Interviews

My research has been covered in Colombia print media by the newspapers Salud al Derecho (2016) and Noti Fronteras (2016), and in Podcast interviews (2016, 2017) by the Center for Studies in Political Ecology (CEEP) at the Pontificia Javeriana University and the Rosario University in Bogotá. It was also featured on the Anthropology and Environment Society Facebook Page in September 2012, Colombia’s National Center for Historical Memory’s Instagram and Twitter Accounts in September 2018, the Facebook page and Twitter Accounts of the Anthropology Department at Wilfrid Laurier University in Ontario in March 2019, and the Penn Program in Environmental Humanities Twitter Account and website, the Penn Anthropology Facebook page, and the Penn Latin American and Latino Studies Program website in March 2019.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Bilingual Fluency (speaking, writing, reading)

Portuguese: Intermediate Proficiency (speaking, reading, and comprehension)

Turkish: Elementary (speaking and comprehension)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MULTICAMPUS COLLABORATIONS

American Anthropological Association • Society for Social Studies of Science • Latin American Studies Association • Center for Imaginative Ethnography based at York University