

curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Columbia University, New York, Ph.D. May 2006
M.Phil., May 1998
M.A., Fall 1995
- B.A.** The University of Texas at Austin, Anthropology, December 1989
Graduated with Highest Honors, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi
La Pontificia Universidad Católica, Lima, Peru, September 1988 - July 1989
Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas, September 1983 - December 1984
- Languages** English, Spanish

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Ethnographic writing, aesthetics, image theory; law, violence, and illicit worlds; Latin America, Peru, Amazonia; state margins, territoriality, and settler frontiers; aftermaths of war; political and legal time; memory/forgetting, divination and presentiment; cocaine and (counter)insurgency; Maoism and the Shining Path; the social lives of rivers and roads.

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

- Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, Fordham University (September 2007 - May 2010)
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale University (Fall 2006 - Spring 2007)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida (June 2017 - Present)
Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida (August 2010 – June 2017)
Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Affiliate Faculty (Fall 2010 - Present).

SELECTED GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

- American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship (2018)
UF International Center Global Fellow (2017)
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends Award (2015)

Rothman Summer Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Florida (2015)
Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Grant, University of Florida (June 2013 - May 2014)
Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Field Research Grant: Peru (June 1999 - March 2000)
Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (June 1998 - March 1999)
Columbia University Doctoral Fellowship (1994-1998, 2000)
Columbia University Presidential Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching (1997)

PUBLICATIONS

- Books** *Coca's Gone: of Might and Right in the Huallaga Post-Boom*, Stanford University Press (July 2009)
- reviews of *Coca's Gone*:
 Journal of Latin American Studies 42: 619-21 (2010) by T. Grisaffi
 Contemporary Sociology 40 (1): 58-59 (2011) by S. Schatz
 Journal of Latin Am. & Caribbean Anthropology, 16(2): 468-470 (2011) by B. Dean
 Bulletin of Latin American Research 30 (3): 369-370 (2011) by S.L. Taylor.
- Articles** “Oblivious Title: on the Political Time of Land Tenure in Postwar Peru.”
 Anthropological Quarterly (Summer 2017) 90 (3): 637-674
- “Cocaine’s Minor Destinies—Ephemerality and legal threat on the margins of the Peruvian state.” *American Ethnologist* (November 2015) 42(4): 658-672.
- “Furrows and Walls, or the Legal Topography of a Frontier Road in Peru.” *Mobilities* (November 2012) 7(4): 501-520.
- “Fidelidad o el viento que sopla en una pierna bien alzada.” *Debates en sociología* 25 [Lima, Peru] (2000): 49-62.
- Chapters** “Furrows and Walls, or the Legal Topography of a Frontier Road in Peru.” In *Roads and Anthropology: Ethnography, Infrastructures, (Im)mobility*, edited by Dimitris Dalakoglou and Penny Harvey, 43–62. Routledge, 2015. **[Reprint]**
- “Time as Weather. Corpse-work in the Prehistory of Political Boundaries.” In *Governing the Dead: Sovereignty and the Politics of Dead Bodies*, edited by Finn Stepputat, 179-202. Manchester University Press, 2014.
- “Readings of Time: of Coca, Presentiment and Illicit Passage in Peru” In *Times of Security: Ethnographies of Fear, Protest and the Future*, edited by Martin Holbraad and Morten Axel Pedersen, 118-156. Routledge, 2013.
- Reviews** Between the Guerrillas and the State, by María Clemencia Ramírez, *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* (November 2013) 18(3): 341-343.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

in preparation book manuscript: *Semblance in Terrain: on the legal topographies of postwar in Peru’s Upper Huallaga Valley* (**under contract with Stanford University Press**)

article: “Stranger Terrains—vacant prohibitions, or the intersecting of matter, sensation, image in the aftermath” for submission to *Current Anthropology*

article: “el trueno lejano—imágenes que persisten en la furia del río Huallaga” for submission to *Alteridades* (Mexican journal of Anthropology)

article: with Gabriela Zamorano, “*Lo obtuso de la imagen: visualidad y práctica etnográfica.*” Introduction for special issue of *Alteridades* (Mexican journal of Anthropology).

INVITED TALKS

“Rasgos de terreno: los cruces de río como paisajes de posguerra en el Perú.” Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico (February 24, 2015)

“Oblivious Title: on the Political Time of Land Tenure in Postwar Peru.” Colegio de México, Mexico, D.F. (February 23, 2015)

“Minor Destinies of Coca. Between State-time and presentiment in Central Peru.” Lindenwood University, Center for International and Global Studies (March 13, 2013)

“*Destinos menores de coca.*” Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Peru (June 21, 2013)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Entre materias y superficies, o cómo cruzar el río después de la guerra.” Panel (co-organizer) **El pasado como materialidad política: despliegues de tiempo, espacio y territorio.** XVI Congreso de Antropología en Colombia / V Congreso Asociación Latinoamericana de Antropología (Bogotá, Colombia, June 7, 2017)

“El trueno lejano—imágenes que persisten en la furia del río Huallaga” Panel (co-organizer). *Lo obtuso de la imagen: visualidad y práctica etnográfica.* IV Congreso Mexicano de Antropología Social y Etnología (Querétaro, Mexico. October 14, 2016)

“Between Twilights: on the territorial effects of army forts in Peru’s Alto Huallaga.” Panel (co-organizer). *Bases contrainsurgentes: ruinas de violencia, transformación estatal y neoliberalismo en el Perú.* LASA International Congress (New York, May 27, 2016)

“Precipitating infrastructure: the sensory and material tetherings of river crossings in postwar Peru.” Panel: “Engaging Embodied infrastructures: Material Sensoriums.” Annual Meeting of the AAA (Denver, November 19, 2015)

“Semblance in Terrain: River Crossings of a Peruvian Postwar Landscape.” Panel (co-organizer): *Building Territory: on the ethnographic rendering of Landscape and Infrastructure.* Annual Meeting of the AAA (Washington, DC, December 5, 2014).

“Retratos de terreno: los cruces de ríos como paisajes de posguerra en el Perú”. Panel: “Visualizando Futuros: imagen fotográfica y utopía” 3º Congreso Mexicano de Antropología Social y Etnología, (Mexico City, September 25, 2014)

“Oblivious land, or the ties that hide in camouflage title.” Panel (co-organizer): “Cosas bamba del Perú: camouflage as aspirational force” LASA International Congress (Chicago, May 23, 2014)

“Dissembling Terrains.” Panel (co-organizer): “The Vital Disguise: Counterfeiting in Latin America.” Annual Meeting of the AAA (Chicago, November 21, 2013)

“Liquid Territories of Coca.” LAS conference Rethinking Law & Legality: Critical Approaches to Law & Lawlessness in Latin America. Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, April 27, 2012)

“Destinos menores.” XXXIII Coloquio de Antropología e Historica Regionales: Legibilidad, Legitimidad y Legalidad en América Latina. Colegio de Michoacán. (Zamora, Mexico. October 26-29, 2011)

“Readings of Time.” Times of Security Workshop, University of Copenhagen. (May 18, 2011)

“Time as Weather, or corpse-images in the ethnography of political boundaries.” Governing the Dead Workshop, Danish Institute for International Studies. (Copenhagen, December 17, 2010)

“Writing Time as Weather: report from my trip to a coca farm.” LASA International Congress (Toronto, October 8, 2010)

“Furrows and Walls: on the Legal Topography of a Frontier Road”. Panel (co-organizer): “Road Events / Road Publics.” Annual Meeting of the AAA. (Philadelphia, December 2, 2009)

TEACHING

University of Florida, August 2010 - Present

Graduate Seminars:

War and Forgetting (Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2014)
Roads and Road Publics (Spring 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2017)
Ethnography of Illicit Worlds (Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2015)
Topographies of Law (Spring 2013, Spring 2016)
Ethnographic Writing (Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
Readings in Legal Anthropology (Fall 2017)

Undergraduate Classes:

Anthropology of Law (Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2017)
Topographies of Law (Fall 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2016)
Roads and Road Publics (Spring 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2017)

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Doctoral thesis supervisor

Erik Timmons (2008)

“Hip Hop Life and Livelihood in Nairobi Kenya” / Fulbright-Hays DDRA (2015)

Caitlin Baird (2009)

“The Shape of a Child: Chronic Malnutrition and the Cycle of Poverty in Sololá, Guatemala” / CLAS Dissertation Writing Fellowship (2017).

Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development PhD Fellowship (2014-2015)

Justin Quinn (2010)

“Right to the Railroad: publics and the promise of high speed rail in contemporary Yucatán”

UF Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award (Spring 2015)

Aaron Victoria (2012)

“Rhythms of the Road: Ethnography and Everyday Life on the Pan-American Highway”

UF Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award (Spring 2016)

Masters thesis supervisor

Aja Cacan (2015)

“Adjustment Acts: The effects of territoriality on Cuban migrant encounters with law”

Shao-Yun Chang (2015)

- “Marriage and Kinship in Taiwanese-Vietnamese Marriages”
David Rinehart (2016-Latin American Studies)
- “Walking the Fine Line: Precarity of Law along the U.S. Mexico Border”
Julio Villa (2016-Latin American Studies)
- “Framing Care as Work: Narratives of Male Caregivers of Relatives Diagnosed with Schizophrenia in Lima, Peru.”

ETHNOGRAPHIC FIELD RESEARCH

- Three Rivers project – exploratory fieldwork: Leticia, Tabatinga, Iquitos (June-July 2017)
- Lands, Territory, and Law in Post-war Peru project (June-July 2015)
- Emergent rural mobility, Huánuco & San Martín Regions, Peru (June-July 2011; June 2012; July 2013)
- Coca, historical memory and political boundaries in Upper Huallaga Valley, Peru (June-July 2010)
- Coca farming and post-boom cocaine trade in Huánuco, Peru (July 2006)
- Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission on political violence and the cocaine trade 1980-1990. Lima-Huánuco-San Martín (June-August 2002)
- Dissertation field research on the cocaine boom and boom memories in the Alto Huallaga. Lima-Huánuco-San Martín, Peru (January 1999-August 2000)
- Dissertation field research on School Parades, Civic Morals and the “return” of the State to the Alto Huallaga, Lima-Huánuco-San Martín, Peru (June-July 1997; May-December 1998)

RELATED EMPLOYMENT

Consultancy: Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission, June 2002 - February 2003

SERVICE

Department of Anthropology

- Undergraduate Education Committee (Fall 2010 – present)
- Undergraduate Honors Coordinator (Fall 2011 – present)
- Graduate Financial Aid Committee (2013-14)
- Department Summer Field Research Grants Search Committee (2011-2013)

University of Florida

- Search Committee, Crime, Law & Governance Program, Latin American Studies (Spring 2017)
- Faculty liaison – Crime, Law & Governance in the Americas Working Group (Fall 2016-2017)
- Co-organizer: 65th Annual Conference of the Center for Latin American Studies – “Crimescapes: Space, Law and the Making of Illegality in the Americas” (March 24-26, 2016)
- Center for the Humanities and Public Sphere - grant reviewer (December 2015)
- Faculty Advisory Council, Center for Latin American Studies (2013-2015)
- Selection Committee, Summer Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies (Spring 2014)
- Selection Committee, Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund, Liberal Arts & Sciences (Fall 2013)
- Faculty Search Committee, Crime Law & Governance Program, Latin American Studies (Spring 2012)

Profession

- manuscript reviewer

- Duke University Press (2018)
Stanford University Press (2015, 2016)
Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (2014)
Journal of Latin American Studies (2014)
Law and History Review (2014)
Cultural Anthropology (2012)
• grant reviewer: SSRC-IDRF (2014-2015)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Latin American Studies Association