

EDUCATION

University of Oxford **Oxford, UK**
School of Geography and the Environment, Environmental Change Institute Oct. 2010 - March 2016
St. Antony's College

Doctor of Philosophy

Research: I conducted multi-sited ethno-geographic fieldwork (2011 - 2013) among Akawaio, Makushi, Arekuna, Patamona, and Alleluia Indigenous communities in Guyana, Brazil, and Venezuela. Data were collected using participatory action research methods and landscape approaches interpreted using historical, spiritual, and political ecology frameworks. Research was supervised by Thomas Thornton, Audrey Butt Colson, and Laura Rival.

Dissertation: Under Mount Roraima: the revitalization of a shamanic landscape and practice

Johns Hopkins University **Washington, DC**
School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) **Bologna, Italy**
Master of Arts May 2006

Concentration: international relations, economics, Latin America, and emerging markets

Coursework: Democratization and Market Reforms in Key Emerging Markets; A Survey of Brazil; Strategy and Policy; Financial Sector Developments; Evolution of the International System; Micro and Macro Economics; Monetary and Trade Theory; Democracy and Social Change in the Andean Region

Hamilton College **Clinton, NY**
Bachelor of the Arts, Cum Laude June 2001

Concentration: double major in Spanish & public policy; Founder & President of Foreign Exposure, a student club that promoted study abroad; President of the Spanish Club; honors Spanish thesis: Asceticism in Don Quixote; honors public policy thesis: A Cost Benefit Analysis of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City; study tour of Russia in March 2001

Syracuse University Program Abroad **Madrid, Spain**
Concentration: anthropology, language, art, and history of the Iberian Peninsula Aug. 1998 - May 1999

University of California **Santa Barbara, CA**
Concentration: environmental studies; UC Davis study abroad in Jamaica (summer '97) Sept. 1996 - June 1998

TEACHING, MENTORING & COACHING

California State University San Marcos, January 2020 – present: BRS 330: Introduction to Migration Studies; ENVS 301: Place, Power, and the Environment; GEOG 201: World Regional Geography; GEOG 341: Nature and Society in California; GEOG 352: Environment, Development and Sustainability; GEOG 365: Globalization and Trade.

MiraCosta College, January 2024 – present: GEOG 102: Cultural Geography

San Diego State University, August – December 2023: SOCSI 300: Social Science Approaches and Concepts

St. Antony's College Boat Club and Wolfson College Boat Club Men's Eights Coach, 2016 - 2018; University of California Berkeley, Lightweight Rowing Assistant Coach, September 2018 - 2019.

University of Oxford, School of Geography and the Environment, Trinity Term 2011, Michaelmas Term 2016, and Hilary Term 2015, 2018: Spiritual Ecology seminars at the graduate level

Kidlington Tutors and Oxford International College, October 2010 - July 2018: Physical and Human Geography at secondary and undergraduate levels.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- “Under Mount Roraima: the struggle to conserve a sacred landscape.” *Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies on Climate, Energy and Mobility*. Berlin, Germany, January 2011.
- “The Contribution of Traditional Knowledge and Technology to Climate Solutions.” *Knowledge Product* for the Climate Investment Funds Administrative Unit, World Bank Group (WBG). Washington, DC, Dec. 2016.
- “Romancing the stone: Ka’pon and Pemon perspectives of Guyana’s mineral landscape.” *Anthropology and Archeology, Journal for the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology*, Vol. 22, 2018.
- “Augmented Realities: The Digital Economy of Indigenous Knowledge.” *Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change: Emerging Research on Traditional Knowledge and Livelihoods*. Coauthored with Nina Kruglikova. International Labour Organization, April 2019.
- “The revitalization of shamanic healthcare in Suriname.” *Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change: Emerging Research on Traditional Knowledge and Livelihoods*. International Labour Organization, April 2019.
- Chapter 25: Future Data and Knowledge Needs. *Global Environment Outlook (GEO-6): Healthy Planet, Healthy People*. United Nations Environment Programme. Nairobi, Kenya, May 2019.
- “Beyond Ka’pon and Pemon ritual ant envenomation: the medicine, magic, and metaphor of landscape.” *Anthropology and Archeology, Journal for the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology*, Vol. 23, 2019.
- “The spiritual geography of landscape.” *PRism*, Indigenous/First Nations theme and General Issue, "Indigenous theorizing: Voices and representation" Volume 15, Issue 1, 2019.
- “Alleluia and the Akawaio: the spiritual geography of a highland revitalization movement.” *Indigenous Amazonia, Regional Development and Territorial Dynamics: Contentious Issues*. Springer: August 2020.
- “Alleluia: a highland shamanic revitalization movement.” *Guyana Folk and Culture*. September 2020.
- “The spiritual geography of a more-than-human landscape.” *Anthropology and Archeology, Journal for the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology*, Vol. 24, 2020.
- “Transfronterismo: A Fluid Borderland Identity and Movement.” *California Geographer*. Vol. 60, 2021.
- “Strike Mission: El Salvador, Blockchain Technology, and Sustainable Development.” United Nations 7th Multi-stakeholder Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals. May 2022.
- “Psychogeography reimagined.” *Journal of Global Indigeneity*. Vol 6., Issue 2, 2022.
- “The Reemergence of Tulare Lake in California.” *Weather Matters*. November 2023.
- “A Spiritual History of Alleluia and the Pakaraima Mountains.” *SAGE Research Methods Diversifying and Decolonizing Research Cases*. March, 2024.
- “Kanaima (e’toto) and the ecology of violence in the circum-Mount Roraima landscape.” *Sorcery in Amazonia: A Comparative Regional Exploration*. In press.
- “Spoiled by COVID-19: Geontology, Pathogenesis, and Resistance among the Akawaio.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. In preparation with James Whitaker.
- “A history of slavery in California.” In preparation.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Revitalization of a Shamanic Landscape and Practice.” Env. and Dev. in Latin America, Oxford, June 2014.

“The spiritual geography of landscape” presented at a workshop I organized (Sacred Landscapes: an examination of the role of religion, spirituality and faith in landscape morphology) at the 24th AISNA Biennial Conference. Milan, Italy, September 2017.

“Alleluia as revitalization movement.” EASST, Lancaster, UK, July 2018.

“A shamanic land ethic.” Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Conference, Sydney, Aus., Sept. 2018.

“Kanaima (E'toto) and cultures of fear.” Ways of Knowing, Conference on Science and Religion at Harvard, Oct. 2018.

“Beyond Ka'pon and Pemon ritual ant envenomation: The medicine, magic, and metaphor of landscape.” ASLE Biennial Conference: Paradise on Fire. UC Davis, June 2019.

“Augmented Realities: The Digital Economy of Indigenous Knowledge.” 3rd World Congress of Environmental History in Florianopolis, Brazil on July 26, 2019.

“Psychogeography Reimagined.” Indigenous Journalism and Self-Determination Conference, Sámi University, Norway, September 28, 2021.

“Activism and Voluntary Sector Research: two sides of the same coin or different currencies?” Open University, Milton Keynes, UK, Nov. 16, 2021.

“Augmented Realities: The Digital Economy of Indigenous Knowledge.” European Society for Environmental Histories, Bristol, UK, July 2022.

“The Constitution of the Alleluia Church” and “Akawaio Dreaming.” The Society for the Anthropology of Religion, Victoria, BC, May 12, 2023.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

ArcGIS, LiDAR, and MRV Training Certificate, Caribbean Country Management Unit, WBG, JPA, 2008.

Biocultural Diversity: Concepts and Interdisciplinary Methods Teaching Credential, School of Anthropology and Conservation, Centre for Biocultural Diversity, University of Kent, Barcelona, Spain, March, 2011.

Study Abroad Programs Grant, Lesley University, Caiman House, Yupukari Village, Guyana, 2012.

Global Ambassador for Biodiversity, IBEX Earth, London, U.K., 2013.

Fellow, Foundation for Shamanic Studies, Michael Harner, Mill Valley, California, 2015.

Champion, Oxford City Royal Regatta, Green Templeton Boat Club, 2015; Blades at Summer 8s and Torpids: SABC (2), GTBC (1), 2016-2017; Christ Church Regatta Champion, Wolfson College Boat Club Coach, 2018.

European Research Council, European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme Grant.

Global Commitment Committee Professional Development Funds Grant, CSUSM, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

Faculty Learning Center Digital Storytelling for Educators: Creating Voices and Connections Inside and Outside the College Classroom Certification and Professional Development Funds Grant, CSUSM, 2022.

Fellow, Indigenous Studies Network, The Oxford Research Centre on the Humanities (TORCH), 2022 - 2024.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- California State University, Liberal Studies and Environmental Studies Departments** **San Marcos, CA**
Lecturer, member of the Global Commitment Committee and Digital Storytelling for Educators Jan. 2020 - present
- BRS 330: Introduction to Migration Studies; ENV5 301: Place, Power, and the Environment; GEOG 201: World Regional Geography; GEOG 341: Nature and Society in CA; GEOG 352: Environment, Development, and Sustainability; GEOG 365: Globalization and Trade
- MiraCosta College** **Oceanside, CA**
Associate Faculty Jan. 2024 - present
- I teach GEOG 102: Cultural Geography to diverse community college students
- San Diego State University, Political Science Department** **San Diego, CA**
Lecturer Aug. - Dec. 2023
- SOSCI 300: Social Science Approaches and Concepts
- International Labour Organization** **Geneva, Switzerland**
Consultant Jan. 2017 - July 2019
- Case studies on Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change: Emerging Research on Traditional Knowledge and Livelihoods
- University of California, Lightweight Rowing** **Berkeley, CA**
Assistant Coach Oct. 2018 - June 2019
- Recruitment and training of student-athletes to row and race in sweep (8+) and sculling platforms
- World Bank Group, Climate Investment Funds** **Washington, DC**
Consultant Jan. 2016 - Dec. 2018
- Knowledge Product on the contribution of traditional knowledge and technology to climate solutions
- Kidlington Tutors** **Oxford, UK**
Tutor Oct. 2010 - June 2018
- Physical and human geography, and international studies at secondary and undergraduate levels
- World Bank Group, Caribbean Country Management Unit** **Washington, DC**
Junior Professional Associate then Country Officer for Guyana and Suriname Nov. 2006 - Jan. 2009
- Managed datasets for the *OECS E-Government and Regional Integration Project* (2007), the *Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility* (2007), the *OECS Sustainable Financing & Management of Eastern Caribbean Marine Ecosystems Project* (2009), and the *Forest Carbon Partnership Facility* (2009).
- Implemented Colombia's first CDM afforestation and reforestation projects for Indigenous groups in the *San Nicolas Carbon Sink and Arboreal Species Recovery Project* and *Caribbean Savannah Carbon Sink Project* (2008)
- Worked with high-level US government officials to develop a strategy for engagement with Cuba
- US Department of the Treasury** **Washington, DC**
International Banking and Securities Markets Analyst June - Aug. 2006
- Monitored and evaluated international and domestic financial markets in order to mitigate systemic risk
- Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations** **México City, México**
Trade Analyst June - Aug. 2005
- Analyzed data on Mexico - U.S. trade and Pemex, Mexico's state-owned petroleum company
- Christie's Auctions & Private Sales** **New York, New York**
Bid Clerk then Head Bid Clerk Sept. 2001 - July 2004
- Prepared auctioneer books, recorded sales, and executed VIP absentee and telephone bids

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Films:** Paruima Village Fishing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_RpdQm63ZZU
Land of Many Waters: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNADkOG02O0>
- Languages:** Fluency in Spanish; working knowledge of Portuguese, Italian, Serbo-Croatian, Akawaio, and Makushi
- Affiliations:** Member of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S); Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE); Royal Geographical Society; American Geographical Society; Society of California Pioneers; Pitt Rivers Museum; Novato Spirit; and the Marin Museum of the American Indian;
@land_many_waters on TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram