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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
PhD in Anthropology, 2020
Certificate in Latin American Studies
Certificate in College Teaching

Cornell University
BA in College Scholars Program, Magna Cum Laude, 2010
Minor in Latin America studies

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2020-present Mellon Partners for Humanities Education Postdoctoral Fellow, Tennessee State University

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2017 “We Are Bruno: Citizens Caught Between an Absentee State and a State-Like Corporation During Water Conflicts In La Guajira, Colombia,” *Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural System and World Economies* 46 (1-2): 61-94.
- 2015 (co-authored with Gloria C. Perez-Riviera) “The Life of a Colombian Union Organizer: An Interview with Fredy Lozano,” *Dialectical Anthropology* 39(3): 321-327.

Book Chapters

- 2012 “Desde los cultivos de coca al gabinete,” (From the coca fields to the cabinet). In The European Union and Puente Investigación y Enlace (eds), *Coca: Una Mirada Integral: Movimientos Sociales y Situación Legal* (Coca: An Integral Look: Social Movements and Legal Situation), La Paz.
- 2012 “Ya basta yanqi: enfrentamientos entre USAID y cocaleros en el trópico de Cochabamba,” (Enough Yankee: Conflicts between USAID and the coca growers in the Cochabamba Tropics). In The European Union and Puente Investigación y Enlace (eds), *Coca: Una Mirada Integral: Movimientos Sociales y Situación Legal* (Coca: An Integral Look: Social Movements and Legal Situation), La Paz.

Other Publications

- 2016 “We are Victims Too: Incorporating communities displaced by natural resource extraction in Colombia’s post-conflict agenda,” North American Congress on Latin America Online Edition, August 31. (<http://nacla.org/news/2016/08/31/we-are-victims-too>).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Society for Applied Anthropology Involuntary Resettlement Travel Award
 2018-2019 Robert Penn Warren Graduate Fellow, Vanderbilt University
 2017 Mark Claster Mamolen Dissertation Workshop Award, Harvard University
 2017 Humanities Without Walls National Pre-Doctoral Fellow
 2017 Vanderbilt Anthropology Graduate Research Grant
 2016-2017 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
 2012-2017 Graduate Student Fellow, Vanderbilt Graduate School
 2015 Tinker Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, Vanderbilt University
 2014 Arts and Sciences Summer Research Award, Vanderbilt University
 2013 Center for Latin American Studies Summer Travel Award, Vanderbilt University

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2019 Autonomous Consultation in a Wayúu Community: New Avenues for Mining-Induced Resettlement. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.
 2019 Making Environment Conflicts Visible in Colombia’s Coal Region. Human Rights after the Peace Accord in Colombia Conference. University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT (invited).
 2018 On the Frontlines after the FARC: New Challenges and Possibilities for Environmental Defenders in Colombia. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.
 2018 Challenges in Regulating Forced Resettlement in the Mining Sector. International Network on Displacement and Resettlement Meeting, Oaxaca, Mexico.
 2018 Community (Un)Making Under Pressure in Three Afro-Colombian Resettlements. Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies Annual Meeting. Nashville, TN
 2018 Applying Autonomous Consultation to Mining-Induced Resettlement in Colombia’s Coal Region. Development, Displacement, and Human Rights Conference, Knoxville, TN
 2017 Victims of Development in Colombia’s Post-Conflict Agenda. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
 2017 Becoming Afro-Guajiro: Race, Resistance, and Resettlement at a Colombian Coal Mine, presented at the 51st Latin American Studies Annual Congress, Lima, Peru.
 2017 Buscando una vida digna: El arte como vehículo de denuncia y memoria histórica en los reasentamientos (Searching for a Dignified Life: Arte as a Vehicle for Protest and Historical Memory in Resettlements). Audiovisuals for Environmental Justice Conference. University of Magdalena, Santa Marta, Colombia (invited).
 2015 Challenging the Corporation, Making the State: Activist Networks in La Guajira, Colombia, presented by invitation at the Empire and Solidarity in the Americas Conference, University of New Orleans (invited).

- 2015 The Congress for Life, Autonomy, and Territorial Permanence: Identity and Class-Based Claims in Resource Extraction Conflicts in La Guajira, Colombia, presented at the Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights Conference at University of Tennessee Knoxville.
- 2015 Ancestral Land or Corporate Land: Conflicts over Identity and Territory in La Guajira, Colombia, presented at the 49th Latin American Studies Annual Congress, San Juan, PR.

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 Conflictos de agua en La Guajira (Water Conflicts in La Guajira). Invited lecture at The Sabana University Chía, Colombia.
- 2017 Nosotros somos Bruno: Luchas locales para el agua como transformación del estado extractivista en La Guajira (We are Bruno: Local Water Struggles as Transformation of the Extractivist State in La Guajira). Invited lecture at Javeriana University Bogota, Colombia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019 SAVVY Instructor, Vanderbilt Program for Talented Youth
- 2018 Graduate Instructor for Global Wealth and Poverty, Department of Anthropology, Vanderbilt University
- 2016-2017 Ethnographic fieldwork mentor for Masters and undergraduate students from Colombia, Denmark, and the United States in La Guajira, Colombia
- 2012-2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Vanderbilt University
- 2017 SAVVY Instructor, Vanderbilt Program for Talented Youth
- 2015-2016 Certificate in College Teaching, Vanderbilt Center for Teaching

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2018 Graduate Research Assistant, Vanderbilt University
- 2015 Dean’s Fellow, Helguera Collection, Vanderbilt University Libraries

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2019-current Farmworker Paralegal, Southern Migrant Legal Services, Nashville, TN
- 2010-2012 SAT Tutor and Instructor, Cochabamba, Bolivia
- 2010-2012 Assistant Researcher, Andean Information Network, Cochabamba, Bolivia
- 2010 Student Intern, Committee on US Latin American Relations, Ithaca, NY
- 2007-2008 Community Fellow, Immigration and Refugee Services, Ithaca, NY
- 2007 Intern, Engineers Without Borders Canada, Toronto, ON

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Reviewers of article manuscript for *Cartografías Del Sur*
- Reviewer of article manuscript for *Colombia Internacional* journal
- International Association for Impact Assessment Work Experience Program

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Graduate Chair of Creating Meaningful Careers Conference
Graduate student liaison to Vanderbilt Anthropology Department's 2013 Faculty Search Committee

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Delegation Leader, Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective
Bilingual Worker Advocate & Interpreter at Workers Dignity Project, Nashville, TN
English Language Teacher and Program Coordinator La Guajira, Colombia

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Latin American Studies Association
American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
International Network on Displacement and Resettlement
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish (advanced reading, writing, speaking)
French (beginner reading, beginner speaking)
Quechua (beginner speaking)