

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 (native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (reading)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Ethnographic writing, aesthetics, image theory; Law, material terrains, illicit worlds; Latin America, Amazonia (Peru, Colombia, Brazil); State margins, territory, and settler colonialism; Rivers, roads and rural transit technologies; Aftermaths of war; Political and legal time; Memory/oblivion, divination, presentiment; Coca, cocaine, (counter)insurgency; Maoism and the Shining Path.

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

- Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Grant, University of Florida (June 2023 - May 2024)
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 *Crossing the Current: Aftermaths of War Along the Huallaga River*, Stanford University Press (September 2022)

recognitions:

Flora Tristán Award for best book 2022 (Peru Section-Latin American Studies Association)

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.

Soifer, Hillel David. "New Scholarship on Peru's Internal Conflict." *Latin American Politics and Society* 59, no. 1 (2017): 143-153.

Articles "El resplandor." Anthropology News website, August 29, 2022.

<https://www.anthropology-news.org/articles/el-resplandor/>

El trueno lejano: imágenes que persisten en el río Huallaga (The Distant Thunder—images that persist in the Huallaga River) *Encartes - Revista digital multimedia*, vol. 5, núm 9, marzo-agosto 2022, pp. 59-85. [10.29340/en.v5n9.226](https://doi.org/10.29340/en.v5n9.226)

(with Gabriela Zamorano Villareal) "*Obtuso es el sentido*": *visualidad y práctica etnográfica*. (Sense Rendered Obtuse: Visuality and Ethnographic Practice) *Encartes - Revista digital multimedia*, vol. 5, núm 9, marzo-agosto 2022, pp. 1-27. [10.29340/en.v5n9.274](https://doi.org/10.29340/en.v5n9.274)

"Oblivious Title: on the Political Time of Land Tenure in Postwar Peru." *Anthropological Quarterly* (Summer 2017) 90 (3): 637-674. [10.1353/anq.2017.0039](https://doi.org/10.1353/anq.2017.0039)

"Cocaine's Minor Destinies—Ephemerality and legal threat on the margins of the Peruvian state." *American Ethnologist* (November 2015) 42(4): 658-672. [10.1111/amet.12162](https://doi.org/10.1111/amet.12162)

"Furrows and Walls, or the Legal Topography of a Frontier Road in Peru." *Mobilities* (November 2012) 7(4): 501-520. [10.1080/17450101.2012.718932](https://doi.org/10.1080/17450101.2012.718932)

“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.

INVITED TALKS

“Between Twilights: on the political prehistory of counter-insurgency forts in Peru’s Upper Huallaga Valley.” Political Violence and its Legacies Seminar. Yale University (New Haven, CT, March 28, 2019)

“El trueno lejano—imágenes que persisten en la furia del río Huallaga,” Seminario Internacional: Experiencia y Experimentación Antropológica, Universidad Pontificia Católica del Perú (Lima, November 30, 2018)

“Through the Hollows: on images and ethnographic tasks in the Wake of Peru’s Internal War.” Social Seminar Series. Harvard Anthropology Department (Cambridge, MA, April 2, 2018)

“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 (St. Charles, MO, March 13, 2013)

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

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Sleep, Coming to, Sieve.” Panel (co-organizer): *Dream*. 70th Annual Conference of the Center of Latin American Studies, University of Florida, March 31, 2022, Gainesville, Florida.

Virtual workshop presentation of “Cloud to Clod”: chapter 9 from *Semblance in Terrain* manuscript - *Taller Virtual de Etnografía* – Two hour discussion (sponsored by *Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Cuajimalpa* y *Colegio de Mexico*, February 8, 2021)

“*Los bultos del río Huallaga, los sueños que se estiran entre imagen y materia*” for the panel”: *Reivindicar el fragmento: la escritura etnográfica a partir de “lo filmico”* – Virtual Congress of la Asociación Latinoamericana de Antropología (ALA) - November 27, 2020

Guest lecture & discussion on selected chapters from *Coca's Gone* and *Semblance in Terrain* manuscripts - online graduate seminar on Ethnographic Methods, Dr. Serra Hakeymez (Department of Anthropology, University of Minnesota. October 29, 2020)

“Cloud to clod: on *bultos* and the vertiginous matter of dream in a river’s wake” Panel (co-organizer): From Mass Death to Climate Change: on writing and bundling turbulence - AAA/CASCA Annual Meeting, (Vancouver, November 23, 2019)

“Predations waiting: on the political prehistory of counter-insurgency forts in Peru’s Upper Huallaga Valley.” Panel (co-organizer): *Sedimentations of Violence: State Infrastructures, Vertical Sovereignties & Necropolitics in Neoliberal Latin America*. LASA International Congress (Boston, May 25, 2019)

“Precipitating surfaces: or how to cross the river in the wake of war Latin American Studies.” Panel (co-organizer): *El pasado como materialidad política: Perspectivas sobre poder, tiempo y territorio para estudiar América Latina*. LASA International Congress (Barcelona, May 24, 2018)

“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:

Sources of Law in Amazonia (Fall 2022)

Rivers and their Territories (Spring 2021)

War and Forgetting (Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2019)

Roads and Road Publics (Spring 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2017, Fall 2020)

Ethnography and Illicit Worlds (Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Spring 2020)

Topographies of Law (Spring 2013, Spring 2016, Spring 2020)

Ethnographic Writing (Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2023)

Readings in Legal Anthropology (Fall 2017, Fall 2021)

The Ethnographic Image (Fall 2019, Spring 2022)

Anthropological History and Theory (Fall 2022)

Undergraduate Classes:

Anthropology of Law (Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spr 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2023)

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Spring 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2016, Fall 2017)

Topographies of Law (Fall 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2016, Spring 2020)

Roads and Road Publics (Spring 2011, Spring 2014, Spring 2017, Fall 2020)

The Ethnographic Image (Fall 2019)

Sources of Law in Amazonia (Fall 2022)

Invited Workshops on Ethnographic Writing

“*Un detalle etnográfico*” (*remote*) - Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico (November 12, 2021)

“Entre palabras: los anclajes y apegos de la imagen etnográfica”. Universidad Pontificia Católica del Perú (Lima, November 26 & 28, 2018)

“a fuerza del detalle”. Universidad de Antioquia (Medellín, Colombia, June 13, 2017)

“Un detalle etnográfico”. Universidad Pontificia Católica del Perú (Lima, June 19, 2015)

“Un detalle etnográfico”. Colegio de Michoacán (Zamora, Mexico, February 26, 2015)

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Doctoral thesis supervisor

Dale Haning (2014)

“How Police Storytellers Influence Police Behavior During Police-Public Encounters”

Aja Cacan (2017)

“Miami: Territories of Gentrification”

Macarena Moraga (2017)

“A Memory of Memory: The Archival Work of the Rio de Janeiro Truth Commission”

Fulbright IIE (2019-2020)

James Ruark (2019)

Security Infrastructures on Texas-Mexico border

Doctoral thesis supervisor (graduated)

Aaron Victoria (2012) *August 2019*

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

UF Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award (Spring 2016)

UF Graduate School Doctoral Dissertation Award (2018)

Justin Quinn (2010) *May 2019*

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

UF Graduate School Doctoral Research Travel Award (Spring 2015)

UF Dept of Anthropology Elizabeth Eddy Doctoral Completion Award (Fall 2018)

Erik Timmons (2008) *May 2018*

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

Caitlin Baird Peterson (2009) *May 2018*

“The Shape of a Child: Situating Knowledges of Stunting in Sololá Guatemala” /

CLAS Dissertation Writing Fellowship (2017).

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

Masters thesis supervisor (graduated)

Haradja Leite Torres (2019) *Summer 2020*

Paths to Democracy: The City Whorl

Patrick Franklin James (2019) *Spring 2020*

“Violence, Endurance: on the Ethnographic Salience of Colombia's *Gótico Tropical*”

James Ruark (2017) *August 2019*

“Drones, Security Infrastructure and Border Policing in Texas' Rio Grande Valley”

David Rinehart (2016-Latin American Studies) *May 2018*

“Walking the Fine Line: Legal Precarity along the U.S.-Mexico Border”

Julio Villa (2016-Latin American Studies) *May 2018*

“Framing Care as Work: Narratives of Male Caregivers of Relatives Diagnosed with Schizophrenia in Lima, Peru.”

Shao-Yun Chang (2015) *December 2017*

“Marriage and Kinship in Taiwanese-Vietnamese Marriages”

Aja Cacan (2015) *July 2017*

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

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

UF Department of Anthropology

- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Coordinator (2011 – present)
- Faculty Sponsor, Lambda Alpha, Florida Delta Chapter (Fall 2021 – Present)
- CAPHIL Advisory Committee (2019 – present)
- Personnel Committee (2018-2020, 2022 – present)
- Graduate Financial Aid Committee (2013 – 14)
- Department Summer Field Research Grants Search Committee (2011 – 2013)
- Undergraduate Education Committee (2010 – 2015)

University of Florida

- Co-organizer (with Dr. Rebecca Hanson): 70th Annual Conference of the Center for Latin American Studies – “Ethnographic Evidence in the Americas” (March 30-April 2, 2022)
- Faculty liaison – Crime, Law & Governance in the Americas Working Group (Fall 2016-present)
- Search Committee, Crime, Law & Governance Program, Latin American Studies (Spring 2017)
- Co-organizer (with Dr. Ieva Jusionyte: 65th Annual Conference of the Center for Latin American Studies – “Crimescapes: Space, Law & 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

- member - advisory/scientific committee for la colección “*Monografías Ciencias Sociales, Políticas del Comportamiento y de la Educación*” - Editorial de la Universidad de Cádiz (November 2022 - present)
- manuscript reviewer
 - University of Texas Press (2020)
 - Antípoda, Revista de Antropología y Arqueología (2020)
 - Virajes, Revista de Antropología y Sociología (2020)
 - 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
Asociación Latinoamericana de Antropología

Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
Latin American Studies Association