

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Sara Jamieson

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### Educational History

Ph.D., Anthropology with Distinction, University of New Mexico, May 2009

Dissertation: "Female Initiation Rituals among Urban Wayuu in Húgo Chávez's Multicultural Venezuelan Republic."

M.A., Anthropology, University of New Mexico, 2003

B.A., Anthropology with Distinction/ Minor, Psychology, San Diego State University, 1993

### Previous Research

Dissertation research on Wayuu female initiation rites and multicultural reform, Dec. 2005- Oct 2006

Preliminary research on Wayuu cultural revitalization movement, July 20-August 20<sup>th</sup>, summer 2004

Preliminary research on Wayuu cultural revitalization, July 10-August 5<sup>th</sup>, summer 2003

Archival research conducted for senior thesis (1995-1996) at San Diego State University based on historical documents, including Jesuit Relations and historical autobiographies.

### Areas of Specialization

Multiculturalism, indigenous cultural rights, gender systems, ritual and religion, and the body. Regional area of interest is Latin America with special interest in lowland Indigenous peoples of South America.

### Publications

2007 Urbanization and Changing Notions of Female Empowerment: The Symbolic Reevaluation of the Girls' Puberty Ceremony among Urban Wayuu of Maracaibo, Venezuela. *Antropológica* 107-108: 141-164.

2008 The Effects of Public Education on the Wayuu Female Initiation Ritual in the Urban Context of Maracaibo, Venezuela. *Identidad*. The University of Zulia Press, Maracaibo, Venezuela. March edition.

### Works in Progress

I am currently completing my book, *Initiations of Urban Wayuu Women: Creating Moral Bodies and Preserving Culture in Venezuela*, under contract with the University of Nebraska Press. In May of 2019, I will return to one of my field sites in Maicao, Columbia to gather data about Wayuu tactics for survival during the Venezuelan crisis to connect my data from 2006 to the current situation.

I am revising and resubmitting an article for publication titled, "In the Body or the Mind?: Where Does Culture Reside for Senior and Young Generations of Urban Wayuu Women in Maracaibo, Venezuela?"

### Employment and Institutional Affiliations

2012-present Full-time Instructor/Co-Curricular Event Coordinator, CommRAP, CU Boulder

2012 Spring Part-time Instructor, Anth. Dept. & CommRAP, CU Boulder

2011 Fall Part-time Instructor, Anth. Dept. & Farrand RAP, CU Boulder

2011 Spring Part-time Instructor, Anth. Dept. CU Boulder

2010 Fall Part-time Instructor, Anth. Depts.: CU Boulder, CU Denver, & Metro State College

2010 Spring Part-time instructor, Community College of Aurora. Taught in College Pathways Program at Martin Luther King Early College (a DPS Magnet High School).

2009 Fall Part-time instructor, Anth Depts.: CU Boulder and Colorado State University

2009 Spring Part-time instructor, Anth. Dept. University of Northern Colorado  
2008 Fall Graduate assistant, University of New Mexico  
2008 Sum Part-time instructor, University of New Mexico  
2008 Spring Graduate assistant, University of New Mexico  
2007 Fall Graduate assistant, University of New Mexico  
2007 Spring Graduate assistant, University of New Mexico

### **Courses Taught**

Cultures and the Global System  
Exploring Culture and Gender through Film  
The Anthropology of Sex and Gender  
Cultures of the World- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
Critical Issues in Amazonian Societies  
Culture and Power  
Femininities, Masculinities, Alternatives  
Communication and Community (1 credit)  
Confronting Sexual Assault (1 credit)

### **Professional Memberships**

American Anthropological Association  
Society of Anthropology for Lowland South America  
Society for Applied Anthropology

### **Papers Presented and Panels Organized**

2017 Presented a paper at the Society for Applied Anthropology titled "Rethinking "Community" among First Year Students in a Residential Academic Program at CU Boulder.

2012 Co-organized and presented on a panel titled "Female Initiation Rituals of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at the American Anthropological Association annual meetings.

2009 Co-organized panel at AAA annual meetings titled "Gendered Identities: Adopted, Leveraged and Revised." I presented a paper titled, "The Wayuu Woman as Commentary on Venezuelan 'Progress'- From Barbarism to Politics and Professionalism."

2009 Presented paper at the Society for Anthropology of Lowland South America entitled, "Wayuu Conversations about Culture within Chávez's Multicultural Venezuelan Republic."

2009 Paper presented on panel at the American Society for Ethnohistory titled: "Ethnography and Histories of Anthropological Representation." The paper I presented was "Ethnography and the Politics of Culture in Venezuela."

2007 Paper presented at the Society for Anthropology of Lowland South America- "The Wayuu Girls' Initiation Rite in an Urban Context."

2003 Paper presented at the UNM graduate student symposium-"The Effects of Urbanization on the Wayuu Girls' Puberty Ceremony and Gender Relations and the Revaluation of Space."

2001 Paper presented at the UNM graduate student symposium-"A Controlled Comparison of the Treatment of Enemy Captives as Practiced by the Huron and Tupinamba- A Symbolic and Interpretive Perspective."

**Fellowships and Awards**

2008 <i>Ruth E. Kennedy Memorial Lecture and Scholarship</i>	\$500.00
2008 <i>Latin American and Iberian Institute PhD Fellowship</i>	\$12,000.00
2007 <i>Latin American and Iberian Institute PhD Fellowship</i>	\$12,000.00
2004 <i>New Mexico Graduate Scholars Award</i>	\$1,306.80
2005 <i>Karl H. Schwerin Award</i>	\$600.00
2005 <i>Frieda Butler Award and Public Lecture</i>	\$400.00
2005 <i>Office of Graduate Studies RPT travel grant</i>	\$962.84
2005 <i>Student Research Allocations Committee</i> For dissertation research expenses	\$390.00
2004 <i>Latin American and Iberian Institute/ Tinker Ford</i> <i>Foundation Field Travel Grant</i> For preliminary research conducted in Maracaibo	\$935.00
2004 <i>Student Research Allocations Committee</i> For preliminary research conducted in Maracaibo	\$483.00
2003 <i>Latin American and Iberian Institute/ Tinker For</i> <i>Foundation Field Travel Grant</i> For preliminary research conducted in Maracaibo	\$980.00
2003 <i>Student Research Allocations Committee</i> For preliminary research conducted in Maracaibo	\$300.00