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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D. Anthropology
University of Colorado – Boulder
- 2008 M.A. Anthropology
University of Colorado – Boulder
- 2003 B.A. Latin American Studies (cum laude); Spanish concentration
Carleton College

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018–present University of Colorado – Boulder
Instructor, Honors and Honors Residential Academic Program
Courses taught in Anthropology and Women & Gender Studies
Director, Honors LEAD Scholars in the Miramontes Arts and Sciences Program
- 2015–2018 University of Colorado – Boulder
Lecturer in Anthropology and Women & Gender Studies
Honors Program; Honors, Farrand, Libby, and Sewall RAPs
Miramontes Arts and Sciences Program (2015)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2014–present Labor, climate change, post-harvest processing, and coffee quality. La Paz, Honduras; Santa Ana, El Salvador
December 2014 – present
- 2013 Quality of Care Researcher, Boulder County (CO) Health Improvement Collaborative
- 2011–2012; 2013 Dissertation research, Orosi, Costa Rica
August 2011 – August 2012; June–July 2013
- 2008–2011 Dissertation pilot research, Orosi, Costa Rica
Summers 2008 – 2010; March 2011
- 2007 Masters research, San Pedro la Laguna, Guatemala
May–July 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2021 Belonging in the Coronaverse: Time Enough?. *Open Anthropological Research* special issue on Pathological Politics. Co-written with Malika Rakhmonova and Mike Tran, CU undergrads. In press.

- 2018 Nostalgia por un pasado idealizado: la producción de café y la identidad nacional en Orosi, Costa Rica. *Boletín de Antropología* 33(56): 158-183.
- In preparation "To Live a Coffee Life": Narrative and Practice in the Specialty Coffee Industry. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*.

Multimedia Productions

- 2016 *Ground: A Multisensory Ethnography*. Collaborative photographic and sonic gallery installation, 11/16.

Book Reviews

- 2011 Fair Trade and a Global Commodity: Coffee in Costa Rica. Peter Luetchford. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. 16(1):210–212.

AWARDS AND HONORS (selected)

- 2016, 2017 Re:Co Symposium Fellowship, Specialty Coffee Association
- 2016 Anthropology and the Environment Society Next Generation Award
- 2015 Arts and Sciences Fund for Excellence, University of Colorado – Boulder
- 2014 Certificate in College Teaching
- 2013–2014 Ruth Landes Memorial Research Fund Fellowship

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Certifications, Direct Trade, and Consumer Fatigue in the Specialty Coffee Industry. Harvard University, Cambridge. April 10.
- 2019 Who Needs Caffeine? Excitement and Engagement in the Coffee Classroom. Keynote address, AST Live! Conference for Authorized Specialty Coffee Association Trainers. Berlin, Germany. February 23.
- 2019 El nuevo programa de sostenibilidad en el SCA: lecciones de Honduras. International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA) El Salvador chapter meeting, San Salvador, El Salvador. January 2.
- 2018 Sustainability Essentials for the Coffee Roasting Professional. Invited workshop, Coffee Roasters Guild Retreat. Stevenson, WA. August 25.
- 2018 Sustainable Development for the Coffee Professional. Invited workshop, Specialty Coffee Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA April 19; World of Coffee, Amsterdam, Netherlands June 22.
- 2016 Anthropological Studies of Coffee Producers: Gender and Success. Re:Co Symposium, Specialty Coffee Association of America Annual Meeting. April 12.
- 2014 Trazando la idea del café: Un estudio antropológico desde Costa Rica hasta Seattle. Universidad de Costa Rica, Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales. May 22.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED (selected)**Panels Organized**

- 2020 Specialty Coffee Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. "Microbes to Malic Acid: The Art and Science of Coffee Processing." *Conference canceled.*
- 2019 Specialty Coffee Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. "Creating the SCA Coffee Sustainability Program (CSusP): Educating a New Wave of Sustainability Professionals in Specialty Coffee."
- 2018 Specialty Coffee Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. "Development from the Bottom-Up: Speaking the Language of Sustainability Across Cultures and Contexts to Improve Your Specialty Coffee Business."
- 2016 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. "Precarious Coffee: Climate Change and Markets Beyond the Third Wave."

Papers Presented

- 2018 Specialty Coffee Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. "Learning to Listen: Lessons from Catracha Coffee."
- 2017 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Roundtable presentation, "Cultures of Fermentation."
- 2016 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. "Coffee in Crisis? State and Institutional Responses to Leaf Rust in Costa Rica and Honduras."
- 2016 Society for Cultural Anthropology Annual Meeting, Ithaca, NY. "Sound, Camera, Collaboration: Multi-Sensory Ethnography in the Costa Rican Coffee Industry."
- 2015 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. "The Marking and Marketing of Poverty in Specialty Coffee: Studies from Central America."
- 2014 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. "Drink Coffee, Save the World: Traceability, Production, and Inequality in Costa Rica."

Posters Presented

- 2017 Specialty Coffee Association Global Expo, Seattle, WA. "Fermentation Variables and Their Impact on Coffee Quality."
- 2016 Specialty Coffee Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. "The Costs of Quality: Views from Costa Rica and Canada." With Dr. Annabel Townsend.

Discussant

- 2017 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Panel discussant, "The 'Exception': Assessing Costa Rica's Social Imaginary."
- 2016 The Ethnographic Turn: On Theory, Method and Practice. Graduate Student Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. Panel discussant, "Experiential Ethnography."

COURSES TAUGHT**Introductory Courses**

2008–2019	<i>Culture and Power</i> (Anthropology)
2014–	<i>Exploring Culture and Gender through Film</i> (Anthropology)
2015–2016, 2020	<i>Exploring a Non–Western Culture: The Maya</i> (Anthropology)
2020–	<i>Making the Self</i> (Arts and Sciences)

Lower Division Courses

2009, 2011, 2017–	<i>Introduction to Cultural Anthropology</i> (Anthropology)
2015–	<i>Gender, Race, and Class in the Global Context</i> (Women & Gender Studies)
2015	<i>Testimony and Truth</i> (Humanities)

Upper Division Courses

2010, 2013, 2016–	<i>Ethnography of Mexico and Central America</i> (Anthropology)
2016, 2019–	<i>Gender, Race, Sexuality and Global Migration</i> (Women & Gender Studies)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2020–present	Article reviewer, <i>Current Agricultural Research Journal</i>
2019–present	Article reviewer, <i>Journal of Latin American Geography</i>
2018–present	Article reviewer, <i>Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology</i>
2016	Book proposal reviewer, Routledge Press

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

2019–present	Director, Honors LEAD Scholars in the Miramontes Arts and Sciences Program
2020	Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member. Hannah Briner, B.A. English (Creative Writing).
2019–2020	Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor. Ceiturin Thomas, B.A. Women and Gender Studies. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Sexuality and Representation in Corporate Advertising.
2019–2020	Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor. Javier Padilla, B.A. Art and Art History. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Mexican Identities in the United States.
2019–2020	Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member. Spencer Bajcar, B.A. Sociology. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Changing Locations, Changing Meanings: An Investigation into the Interpretations of Gender in Kachin Christian Refugee Men from Myanmar to the United States.
2018–2019	Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member. Gillian Davenport, B.A. Anthropology. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Love at First Like: How Social Media is Changing Contemporary Romance on College Campuses and the Ways in Which Students Communicate.

- 2017-2018 Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member. Alexandra Mejia, B.A. Sociology / Women and Gender Studies. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Race, Identity, and Naming Among Spanish-Descendant Students.
- 2016-2017 Undergraduate Thesis Supervisor. Jesyca Lazo, B.A. Environmental Studies / Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Coffee Farmers and Coffee Consumers in Monteverde, Costa Rica.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2018-present Sustainability Curriculum Developer, Specialty Coffee Association
- 2018-present Volunteer, International Women's Coffee Alliance
- 2015-present Volunteer Interpreter and Translator, Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network
- 2014-present Catracha Coffee Quality Project Research Consultant, La Paz, Honduras
- 2013-2015 Volunteer Interpreter, Specialty Coffee Association of America Conference

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present Authorized Trainer for the Coffee Sustainability Program, Specialty Coffee Association.
- 2018-2020 Coffee Quality Institute Q Processing Expert
- 2017 Coffee Quality Institute Q Processing Professional
- 2011-2012 English as a Second Language teacher, Centro Cultural, San José, Costa Rica

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Spanish (fluent in reading, speaking, writing)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association
- Anthropology and the Environment Society
- Coffee Quality Institute
- International Women's Coffee Alliance
- Society for Cultural Anthropology
- Society for Economic Anthropology
- Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
- Specialty Coffee Association