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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada conferred November 2015 *Dissertation*: “Sowing the State: Nationalism, Sovereignty and Agrarian Politics in Venezuela.”
Committee: Tania Li, Gavin Smith, Andrea Muehlebach, Chris Krupa, David Nugent

B.A. in Anthropology, Summa Cum Laude, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, USA conferred May 2004

Universität Leipzig, Freistaat Sachsen, Deutschland 2003

Universität Heidelberg, Baden-Württemberg, Deutschland 2001

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

FELLOW, INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY 2016-

RESEARCH INTERESTS

anthropological theory; political economy; development; capitalism and nature; agrarian change and agriculture; land, labor, and livelihood; food sovereignty/food security; urban-rural interfaces; Latin America and Venezuela; theories of state, sovereignty, and territory; *mestizaje* and indigeneity; socialism/post-socialism

GRANTS, HONOURS AND AWARDS

Doctoral Completion Award, University of Toronto, awarded 2012-2013

Doctoral Completion Award, University of Toronto, awarded 2011-2012

Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner Gren Foundation, awarded 2009-2010

School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant, University of Toronto, awarded 2009

Field Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, awarded 2007

University of Toronto Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, awarded 2007-2011

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, inducted November 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“Nature, Capital, and Neighbourhoods: Dispossession without Accumulation?” *Antipode*, (coauthored with Patrick Bigger), 43(4): 986-1011, 2011.

Articles In Progress

“Coffee and Socialism in the Venezuelan Andes.”

“From Reactionary Modernization to Endogenous Development: The Revival of a Hydroelectric Dam in Venezuela.”

“Karl Polanyi in the Current Conjuncture: Locating State and Capital in Global Market Society.”

“The Devil and Florentino: Specters of Petro-Populism in Venezuela.”

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Theorizing Protest Beyond ‘the State’: Democracy, Sovereignty, and Resource Politics in Venezuela,” Inter-Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences. Dubrovnik, Croatia May 4th-9th 2016.

“Coffee and Socialism in the Venezuelan Andes,” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, February 26th-March 1st 2014.

“From Reactionary Modernization to Endogenous Development: The Revival of a Hydroelectric Dam in Venezuela,” American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 22nd 2013.

“Food Sovereignty: A Critical Dialog,” Agrarian Studies, Yale University, New Haven, September 14th- 15th 2013.

“The Perils of Peasant Populism: Why Redistributive Land Reform and ‘Food Sovereignty’ Can’t Feed Venezuela,” University of Toronto, Toronto *Venezuela en su Bicentenario* conference. October 20th 2011.

“Accumulation by Dispossession or Dispossession without Accumulation? An Enquiry into Capital, Credit, and Crisis,” (with Patrick Bigger) Critical Geography Conference, Ohio University, October 3rd-5th 2008.

“Sowing the State: Hegemony and Agrarian Reform in Venezuela’s Bolivarian Revolution,” Canadian Anthropology Society/Société Canadienne d’Anthropologie, Carleton University, Ottawa, May 15th, 2008.

ACADEMIC GUEST LECTURES

“Developmental Ecologies,” Guest Lecture to “Political Ecology,” James Stinson, University of Toronto at Scarborough, Department of Anthropology, November 12th 2013.

“Venezuela and the Future of Sovereign Food,” Guest Lecture to “Land and Justice” Seminar, Thembla Kepe, University of Toronto, Department of Geography, March 13th 2012

“Commentary on Deep Ecology, Bioethics and Bush Meat,” Guest Lecture to “Contested Environments,” Hilary Cunningham, University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, March 15th 2012.

“The Agrarian Question in Venezuela,” Guest Lecture to “Land and Justice” Seminar, Thembla Kepe, University of Toronto, Department of Geography, March 9th 2011.

“Confronting the Social and Economic Crisis,” Public Lecture, SSU, University of Kentucky/Department of Peace and Equity Studies, BCTC, Lexington, February 24th 2009.

“Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Venezuela’s Program of Endogenous Development,” Public Lecture, Department of Africana Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, February 12th 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies*
Journal of Agrarian Change

Visiting Researcher

Centro Técnico Productivo Socialista Florentino, Barinas, Venezuela, June-August 2007 and March 2009-May 2010.

Assistant Researcher

Challenges of the Agrarian Transformation in Southeast Asia Project (ChATSEA), 2006-2008.

Conference and Seminar Organizer

Co-Organizer of Session: “The Agrarian Question—The Original Political Ecology?” (with Karen Rignal and Tad Muttersbaugh) Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. University of Kentucky, Lexington. February 26th-March 1st 2014.

Co-Organizer and Chair of the Roundtable on “Popular Economy/Popular Power?” at the University of Toronto, October 20th 2011. *Venezuela en su Bicentenario* Conference.

Lead Organizer for *Venezuela en su Bicentenario* Conference. University of Toronto, October 20th 2011.

Organizer of Development Seminar Series, Munk School of Global Affairs and Center for International Studies, University College, University of Toronto, 2006-2014.

Lead Organizer of Weekly Film and Lecture Series, Department of Africana Studies, University of Arizona, 2003-2006.

Memberships

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
Canadian Anthropological Society / *Société Canadienne d'Anthropologie* (CASCA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Other Professional Activities

Organizer of the Sociocultural Work-in-Progress Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, 2011-2013.

Organizer of the Sociocultural Anthropology Graduate Roundtable, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, 2008-2009.

Senior Research Thesis in Anthropology, 2004, University of Arizona (supervised by Dr. Linda Green)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Course Instructorships, University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, 2012-2015:

Anthropology of Food
Anthropology of Work

Teaching Assistantships, University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, 2006-2012:

Being Human: Classic Thought on Self and Society
Anthropology of the Contemporary World
Development, Inequality and Social Change in Latin America
Contested Environments
Culture, Politics and Globalization

Varieties of Social Life
Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
Anthropology of Popular Culture
Anthropology of Youth Culture

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker), Spanish (fieldwork language), German (intermediate), French (reading)

CITIZENSHIP

United States

REFERENCES

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