

## Curriculum Vitae

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Ecology, Resource Frontiers, Aquaculture, Development, Economic Anthropology

### EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

#### Education

2020 PhD. Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (*expected*)  
2016 MA Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
2009 BA Anthropology, Hamilton College, *Magna Cum Laude*

#### Professional and Academic Positions

2018-2019 University of North Carolina Center for Global Initiatives REACH Fellow  
2018-2019 Teaching Assistant Advocate, Society of Anthropology Students (SAS)  
2016-2017 Graduate Teaching Coordinator, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
2014-2017 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
2013 English Instructor, Universidad de Chile, Facultad de Ciencias Físicas y Matemáticas  
2010-2012 English Language Instructor, KIC Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA  
2009-2010 Resident Director, Tufts University Summer English Language Programs

#### Awards and Honors

2017 American Philosophical Society Lewis and Clark Field Scholar  
2015 Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (*nominee*)  
2009 Harold C. Bohn Prize in Anthropology, Hamilton College

### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### Publications

2019 When they cannot go to sea: Contamination, cash, and community in Chilean Patagonia (*in preparation*)  
2018 Crisis and catastrophe on Chiloé: Collective memory and the (re)framing of an environmental disaster. *Cultural Dynamics*. 30(3):199-213. (*peer reviewed*)  
2018 Seeing the Forest for the Trees: The Firewood Trade in Southern Chile. In *Chiloé: The Ethnobiology of an Island Culture*. A. Daughters and A. Pitchon, eds. New York: Springer. (*peer reviewed*)  
2017 Territories of Possibility. *Cultural Dynamics*. 29(4):328-332. (*review essay*)  
2017 *Capitalism in the Web of Life* by Jason W. Moore. *Journal of Political Ecology* 24. (*book review*)  
2016 *El Producto Más Democrático Que Hay: Chilean Frontier Constellations after Pinochet*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. (*master's thesis*)

## Presentations

- 2019 *Contaminated Wilderness: Patagonia, Pollution, and the Politics of Firewood*. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 22, 2019.
- 2019 *Disruptive Flows: Currents, Contamination, and the Limits of Control*. North Carolina Conference on Latin American Studies. Chapel Hill, NC, February 23.
- 2018 *Paper Fishers: Quotas, Monetary Transfers, and the Transformation of Island Life in Chilean Patagonia*. American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, San Jose, CA, November 16.
- 2018 *Working the Frontier: Multiple Livelihoods and Political Identity in Aysén, Chile*. Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress, Barcelona, Spain, May 23.
- 2017 *Después del subsidio: el conocimiento local y la transformación de la industria de la leña en Aysén*. XV Seminario en Investigación Antropológica Contemporánea, Instituto de Sociología, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile. November 8.
- 2017 *At Whose Expense? Aquaculture and the Transformation of the Chilean Frontier*. Environment and Ecology 237: Food, Environment, and Sustainability. April 11. (guest lecture)
- 2017 *Reframing the Crisis: Mobilizing Collective Memory on Chiloé*. SECOLAS Annual Conference, Chapel Hill, NC, March 23-26.
- 2016 *El Producto Más Democrático Que Hay: The Place of Firewood in Chilean Frontier Constellations*. American Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN, November 20.
- 2016 *Hearth and Home: Economic Transformations in the Firewood Industry in Southern Chile*. Southern Capitalisms Graduate Student Conference, Johns Hopkins University, March 5.
- 2015 *Modernism and Discourses of Modernity in the Development Sector*. Anthropology 320: Anthropology of Development. February 12. (guest lecture)

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 John Bodley Student Travel Award, Society for Applied Anthropology, \$500
- 2018 James Peacock REACH Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, \$18,000
- 2018 Early Career Grant, National Geographic Society (Grant No. EC-215R-18), \$4,948.00
- 2018 Graduate Student Transportation Grant, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. \$1,000
- 2018 Mellon Conference Travel Award, Institute for the Study of the Americas, Chapel Hill. \$600
- 2018 Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. \$5,964
- 2017 Lewis and Clark Fund for Exploration and Field Research, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia. \$5,000
- 2017 Graduate School Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. \$10,000
- 2016 Mellon Conference Travel Award, Institute for the Study of the Americas, Chapel Hill. \$350
- 2016 Thomas F. Ferdinand Summer Research Fellowship, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. \$4,000
- 2015 Tinker Foundation Pre-Dissertation Field Research Grant, Institute for the Study of the Americas, Chapel Hill. \$1,500
- 2015 Harriet J. Kupferer Graduate Investigators Fund, Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. \$1,000

## **TEACHING RECORD**

### **Graduate Teaching Assistantships**

- 2017 Anthropology 102: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Dr. Valerie Lambert, Instructor.
- 2016 Anthropology 101: Introduction to Anthropology, Dr. Colin T. West, Instructor.
- 2016 Anthropology 151: Food and Culture, Dr. C. Margaret Scarry, Instructor.
- 2015 Anthropology 101: Introduction to Anthropology, Dr. Charles Price, Instructor.
- 2015 Anthropology 320: Anthropology of Development, Dr. Arturo Escobar, Instructor.
- 2014 Anthropology 101: Introduction to Anthropology, Dr. Charles Price, Instructor

### **Other Teaching Experience**

- 2017 Human Dimensions of Climate Change Instructor, Duke TIP, Duke University
- 2016 Anthropology and Archaeology Instructor, Duke TIP, University of Georgia
- 2016 Anthropology and Archaeology Instructor, Duke TIP, Rice University

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member, American Anthropological Association
- Member, Latin American Studies Association
- Member, National Geographic Society
- Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Federation, UNC-Chapel Hill (2016-2017)
- Member, Society of Anthropology Students (SAS), UNC-Chapel Hill

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2019 Reviewer, *Journal of Political Ecology*
- 2019 Reviewer, *Geoforum*
- 2018 Reviewer, *Cultural Dynamics*

## **PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

- Proficient in ArcGIS Spatial Analysis Software
- Spanish Language, Conversational and reading proficiency. Foreign Language Proficiency Assessment, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. November 2014
- French Language, Conversational and reading proficiency.