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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. Literature and Cultures in Spanish and Portuguese, Defended May 2018

Dissertation: *Rubber Boom Narratives and the Development of the Amazon*

Committee: Lorraine Leu (chair), Kelly McDonough, Seth Garfield, Gabriela Polit

M.A. Literature and Cultures in Spanish and Portuguese, May 2015

Qualifying Thesis: “Gendered Politics of Empire: The Female *Explorateur* and Natural Histories of the Amazon”

University of Michigan, Residential College

B.A. with Distinction, Diploma May 2011

Majors: Comparative Literature & Spanish, Magna cum laude

Minor: Latin American Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Eyes on Amazonia, under contract with Vanderbilt University Press, expected publication 2023

Peer Reviewed Publications

Literary

“Gendered Politics of Empire: The Female *Explorateur* and Natural Histories of the Amazon Basin 1899-1901” in *Gender, Place, and Culture*, 24:4, April 2017.

“Mapping Masculinity on the Rio Roosevelt” in the *Spanish and Portuguese Review*. March 2016.

In Review at *Environment and Society* for special issue on Fire and Flood, “Burn the Borders: Fire and the Sovereignty of the Amazon”

In Review at the *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Studies*: “Wandering Wildernesses: Race and Nation Building in the Amazon”

Policy

“Hydro-Highway Robbery: Reguemos Chile would Benefit Agribusiness at the Expense of the Environment, Small Farmers and Indigenous Peoples,” *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*, Issue Brief, October 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/resources/hydro-highway-robbery-reguemos-chile-would-benefit-agribusinesses-expense-environment>.

“La gran estafa hídrica: Reguemos Chile es una respuesta delirante y equivocada a la megasequía en Chile,” *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*, Issue Brief, October 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/hydro-highway-robbery-reguemos-chile-ib-sp.pdf>

“Corporate Irresponsibility: JBS’ Inaction and Disregard for Worker Safety have Increased the Spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Brazil,” Issue Brief, *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*, May 25, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/resources/corporate-irresponsibility-jbss-inaction-and-disregard-worker-safety-have-increased-spread>

“JBS Meatpacking Company Investor Risk Assessment,” *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*, October 2021.

Reviews

The Native and National in Brazil by Tracy Devine-Guzmán in *Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Journal*. May 2015.

American Experience: Into the Amazon film review in *Amazonia Latitude* online, October 2016.

Other Publications

“JBS’ Workers Paid the Ultimate Price, While Profits Surged,” NRDC expert blog, May 25, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/jbs-profits-rose-while-workers-communities-paid-price>

“Latin America at the Leaders Summit on Climate,” NRDC expert blog, April 23, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/carolina-herrera/latin-america-leaders-summit-climate>

“Brazil’s Bolsonaro Shows Little Progress at Climate Summit,” NRDC expert blog, April 23, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/brazils-bolsonaro-shows-little-progress-leaders-climate>

“Brazil LNG Expansion Undermines Decarbonization,” NRDC expert blog, April 16, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/brazil-lng-expansion-undermines-decarbonization>

“Protecting the Wintering Home of Migratory Birds,” NRDC expert blog, February 4, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/protecting-wintering-home-migratory-birds>

“Legal Strategies to Address Grassland Water Security,” NRDC expert blog, February 4, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/water-security-chihuahuan-desert-lies-its-laws>

“Latin America’s 2020 Climate Leaders and Laggards,” NRDC expert blog, December 21, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/amanda-maxwell/latin-americas-2020-climate-leaders-and-laggards>

“Hydro-Highway Robbery,” NRDC expert blog, December 4, 2020,
<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/hydro-highway-robbery>

“A New Agenda for Climate Giants of the Western Hemisphere,” NRDC expert blog,
December 2, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/new-agenda-climate-giants-western-hemisphere>

“What Does Climate Adaptation Look like In Latin America?” NRDC expert blog, July 1, 2020,
<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/what-does-climate-adaptation-look-latin-america>

“Latin America’s Biodiversity is Critical for Global Goals,” NRDC expert blog, May 22, 2020,
<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/lets-protect-latin-americas-biodiversity>

“Life in the Chihuahuan Desert Grasslands,” NRDC expert blog, May 8, 2020,
<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/life-chihuahuan-desert-grasslands>

“The Fight for Our Future Depends on Our Forests,” NRDC expert blog, March 19, 2020,
<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/fight-our-future-depends-forests>

“Women’s Safety Means Earth’s Safety,” NRDC expert blog, March 8, 2020,
<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/womens-safety-means-earths-safety>

“The Amazon is Still on Fire,” NRDC expert blog, Feb. 25, 2020,
<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/amazon-still-fire>

“A Nature-Based Solution: The Chihuahuan Desert Grasslands,” NRDC expert blog, Jan. 24,
2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/nature-based-weapon-against-climate-change-chihuahua>

“Water is a Right: The Parallel Conference of the Parties in Chile,” NRDC expert blog, Dec. 23,
2019, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/water-right-parallel-cop-santiago>

“The Complicated Patchwork of Amazonia,” NRDC expert blog, Sept. 27, 2019,
<https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/complicated-patchwork-amazonia>

“We Can’t Solve the Climate Crisis without Forest Protection,” NRDC expert blog, Sept. 23,
2019, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jennifer-skene/we-cant-solve-climate-crisis-without-forest-protection>

“Pedagogical Strategies in the Teaching of Rhetoric,” series of 6 white papers published for
University of Texas OnRamps dual-enrollment initiative

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of New Mexico, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Assistant Professor, August 2021-present

Portuguese Program Coordinator

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)/Mellon Public Fellow Natural Resources Defense Council, Campaign Advocate, Latin America, September 2019-September 2021

Close work with coalition partners in Chile, Mexico, and Brazil on both local and international environmental issues

Amazonian deforestation through stateside regulations: coordination on city, state, and national bills to cut deforestation from supply chains, campaign against major deforesters

Grassland preservation in the Chihuahuan Desert: coordinating social media campaign with various stakeholders in Mexico and US

River protection in Chile: development of factsheet about major water infrastructure projects

Internal NRDC Led internal working groups on Indigenous Partnerships, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in International work

Dev Global Group, Inclusive Development Advisor and Consultant, April 2019-June 2021

Strategy for locally inclusive development in post-colonial countries
Latin American regional support and expertise
Researcher, policy-writer and academic liaison
Qualitative M&E support

Ancestry.com

Latin American Migrations UX Researcher, August 2018-January 2021

Use of DNA and mapping technologies to trace migration patterns from 1750s-1950s throughout Latin America
Customer facing publications for international website

Florida State University, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics Dean's Postdoctoral Scholar and Gannon Fellow, August 2018-August 2019

Managed and developed Portuguese program
Conducted language placement exams for native and non-native speakers
Increased enrollment in Portuguese language and culture courses
Organized university-wide Amazon week

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of New Mexico

Between Projects: Environment & Culture in Brazil, Port. 414/514, Fall 2021

Brazilian Literature & Film, Port. 414/514, Spring 2022

Florida State University

Instructor of Record, POR3190, Brazilian Film in Translation, Spring 2019

Instructor of Record, POR4930, The Transnational Amazon, 1/2018-12/2018

Instructor of Record, POR3140 & 3141, Portuguese for Spanish Speakers I & II, 1/2018-12/2018

University of Texas at Austin

Instructor of Record, PRC 320, Imagining the Amazon, 1/2017-5/2017

Founder's Fellow, Rhetoric, OnRamps Dual-Enrollment Initiative, 9/2017-7/2018

Instructor of Record, Intermediate-Advanced Spanish (611D), 6/2016-8/2017

Instructor of Record, Intermediate and Intermediate-Advanced Portuguese (610D and 611D), 8/2015-5/2016

Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Portuguese, and Portuguese for Spanish Speakers (611S), 8/2014-5/2015

Fulbright Fellow, Bragança, Pará, Brazil, 3/2012-12/2012

English Teaching Assistant at Federal University

Team taught classes such as Anglophone Literature, Phonetics, and Pedagogy

Led workshops for entire English Program using music, film and theater

Founded English Language Literature and Conversation Clubs

Started website as lasting resource and archive for English program

Taught Writing Workshop, created blog to publish student written work

DEPARTMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Affiliated faculty, Environmental Humanities, University of New Mexico

Affiliated faculty, Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of New Mexico

Affiliated faculty, Sustainability Studies, University of New Mexico

Advisory Committee, Language Learning Center, University of New Mexico

Graduate Student Committee, Spanish and Portuguese, University of New Mexico, 2021-present

Research Assistant, Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, 1/2015-6/2017

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Course Development Award, LAII, University of New Mexico, Spring 2022

\$2500 for original course development

Event Honorarium, LAII, *Beyond Fordlandia* film screening, Fall 2021

\$500 honorarium for director Marcos Colón

ACLS/Mellon Public Fellows Award, Natural Resources Defense Council 2019-2020

Over \$140,000 to support humanities research and environmental advocacy in Latin America

Post-Doctoral Intramural Travel Award, Florida State University, February 2019

\$500 to support travel to LASA 2019 conference

Founders Fellowship, Rhetoric, University of Texas at Austin, 2017-18

Fellowship to support English Language Arts dual-enrollment program, over \$15,000

Fath Fellowship, Spanish and Portuguese, University of Texas at Austin, 2014-15 & 2017-18

Two fully funded years of graduate study, over \$75,000

Tinker Field Research Grant, Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2016

\$3,600 to support travel to Manaus, Brazil for field and archival research

Professional Development Award, University of Texas Department of Spanish and Portuguese, 2014-2017

\$2500 to support attendance at various conferences

LASA Scholarship, Latin American Studies Congress, May 2015

\$500 to support conference attendance

Hayek Fund for Scholars, George Mason University, Summer 2014

Supplemental funds to support BRASA conference attendance

Black Diaspora and Community Engagement Award, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2014

\$1,250 for community engagement in Rio de Janeiro

Brazil Center Grant, University of Texas, Austin, Summer 2014

\$330 for BRASA conference attendance

Fulbright Fellowship, Fulbright Commission, 3/2012-12/2012

9 months salary and benefits to teach English at Federal University in Brazilian Amazon

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Just-in-time Session Organizer, Modern Language Association, January 2022

“Environmental Cultural Studies and Understanding Activism”

Invited Speaker, State University of New York, Oswego, March 2021

“Rethinking Waste: Movements for Environmental Justice in Latin America,” presented in University-wide virtual event

Amazonia Now: Perspectives on a Region in Crisis, November 2020

Co-organizer of conference, moderator of panel: “The Complicated Fabric of Amazonia”

Sustainable Development Goals Goalmaker Roundtable: Life on Land and Climate Action, November 2020

Invited speaker for international roundtable on nature-based climate solutions.

Language, Image, Power, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, October 2019

“Transnational Cultures of (Eco)conomic Crises: Social Mapping and Community Empowerment”

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2019, Boston, MA, May 2019

“The Geopolitics of Plants: Posthumanism and *El abrazo de la serpiente*”

Invited Guest Lecture, St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX, October 2018

“Artevismo en la Amazonia” for upper division Spanish students

Cinehassee: Tallahassee Film Festival, Florida State University, Fall 2018

Invited discussant for panels on *También la lluvia* and *A que horas ela volta*

Professional Learning Institute, Summer 2018, University of Texas at Austin

“Archival Research Strategies and Workshop,” Lyndon B. Johnson Archive, part of professionalization training for high school teachers of Rhetoric

American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA), Los Angeles, CA, May 2018

“A Novice Traveler in a Land Without History: Race, the Environment and Building the Brazilian Amazon”

Professional Learning Institute, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2017

“A’ For Attributions: Using Citations Rhetorically,” part of professionalization training for high school teachers of Rhetoric

American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA), Boston, MA, May 2016

“Gendered Politics of Empire: The Female *Explorateur* and Natural Histories of the Amazon Basin”

Latin American Studies Association (LASA), San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015

“Rubber Boom Narratives and the Development of the Amazon”

Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), London, UK, August 2014

“Wandering Wildernesses: Race and Nation Building on the Rio Roosevelt”

Graduate Comparative Literature Association (GRACLS), Austin, TX, October 2014

“Mapping Masculinity” at Graduate Comparative Literature Association conference

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Editorial Board, Podcaster and Content Contributor, *Amazonia Latitude*, amazonialatitude.com

Peer review of multiple articles in Spanish, English, and Portuguese

Weekly podcast about environmental and human rights issues in the Amazon region

Director of Portuguese Program, Florida State University

Developed and conducted Portuguese placement exams

Recruited students to build Portuguese language and culture program

Founder, Amazon Week, Florida State University

Organized week-long series of discussions and events

Lobbied for funds from Winthrop-King Institute to bring director for screening/discussion of *Beyond Fordlandia*

Associate Editor, *Spanish and Portuguese Review*

Peer review of multiple articles in Spanish, English, and Portuguese for journal

Rapport Center for Humans Rights and Justice Affiliate, University of Texas, Austin, 2015-2018

Peer review and discussion of graduate student work

Contributing Blogger, *Pterodáctilo*, Graduate Student Publication, 2014-2018

Published over seven articles on academic debates, travel, literature, and representation

PRAGDA Film Festival Planning Committee, University of Texas, Austin, 2016

Development of film series centered on issues of migration and the environment

Planned and proctored panel discussion of documentary film *Amazonia Eterna*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Official Interpreter/Translator, Austin, TX, 8/2016-2/2017

Served as Portuguese/English interpreter and document translator for Angolan refugee seeking asylum

Humanities Action Lab, Austin, TX, 8/2015-2/2016

Visits to immigrant detention centers in Texas

Cognitive mapping exercises with formerly detained immigrants

Curated national exhibit about detention in Texas

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Writing Tutor, PrepNow, Austin, TX, 6/2015-8/2019

Individually tutor and mentor high school, college, and graduate level students
Editing and teaching of the writing process

Innovation Fellow, University of Texas OnRamps, 5/2018-8/2018

Contribution of project content and online instructional curriculum design
Completion of project management training and implementation strategies
Drafting and revising of system report content

Spanish and Portuguese Teacher, Freestyle Language, Austin, TX, 12/2016-8/2017

Teacher for beginning level Spanish classes at language institute for adults
Developed Book Clubs and mini-courses centered on popular Brazilian fiction and cuisine for adults learning Portuguese

Freelance ESL Teacher, Santiago, Chile, 3/2013-8/2013

Developed personalized English classes for wide variety of English levels and age ranges
Individually tutored students

ESL Teacher, St. Lawrence School, Santiago, Chile, 3/2013-8/2013

Developed supplemental curriculum and lesson plans for pre-K through high school level low-income students learning English

GRADUATE COMMITTEES

Masters Committee, Jéssica Bueno, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico

Dissertation Committee, Ana de Figueroa, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico

Dissertation Committee, Marina Todeschini, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, defended May 2020

LANGUAGES

Native English
Near native fluency in Spanish
Near native fluency in Portuguese
Elementary level French

